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SALE WRECKED BY MINESHAFT

BY CARL JACKSON

AN ABANDONED mineshaft has left a family 'prisoners' in their home because they cannot sell the property.

And they have warned that countless more homeowners may be in the same boat.

Sharon Bickley, aged 48, has blamed her bank for letting her and husband Darren buy their Great Wyrley back in 2006 only to now 'move the goalposts' and refuse to lend to prospective buyers.

Mr and Mrs Bickley

The administration worker has said Royal Bank of Scotland – now NatWest – should be held accountable and has started a Facebook group called 'Shafted'.

She says others have already contacted her expressing concerns.

The couple bought their house at Lambourne Close in 2006 for £150,000.

Since then, they have spent around £50,000 renovating the 'run-down' property and extending it into a four-bedroom family home, which now features a conservatory, separate dining room and en-suite bathroom.

But now that their three boys have grown up and moved out, they are looking to downsize – only for six sales to collapse in the last three years while the home failed to sell at auction on Thursday for £140,000.

Mrs Bickley said the last prospective buyers were very keen but told her NatWest would not lend them money on the home because of the mineshaft.

It is now off the market, and Mrs Bickley has given up hope of selling it but wants to warn others they may face the same dilemma.

She said: "We are now in a position where the bank we bought the house with, will not lend money to others to purchase it.

"They have made us prisoners in our own home. I have cried myself to sleep over it.

"We worked so hard to do this house up for our children. We have lost all our money it it. We will die here. Our children will just want to get rid of it and it will sell for £1."

Mrs Bickley added: "I think a lot of others will be in the same position we are. This is a mining village, and it is not the only one."

An RBS spokesman said: "We are reviewing the details of our customer's case and will respond as soon as we can."

VILLAGERS' HARD WORK PAYS OFF WITH AWARD

Norton Canes Parish Council chairman John Preece and Linda Florence celebrate with other members after winning their section in the competition

HOURS planting, decorating and tidying – all made worth it at an awards ceremony.

Staffordshire's Best Kept Villages competition came to a conclusion with no fewer than 30 commendations and awards handed out.

In the Lichfield and Cannock Chase district, Norton Canes won the large village section, followed by Stonnall and Longdon.

Councillor John Preece, chairman of Norton Canes Parish Council, said: "This year we introduced plant pots under the village sign and removed the old phone box. We were third last year, so we've done something right.

He added: "Like a broken window when it brings down an area, a bright open spot in a village also brings up an area. We want to make people proud of the place they live."

Hednesford entered the first urban village category, and was highly commended.

All villages were judged twice, in May and June. Places are recognised for 'tidiness, appropriateness, and typicality'. The overall winner for large villages was Gnosall, while Acton Trussell won the small village category.

In the South Staffordshire district, Brewood won the large village category, followed by Kinver and Penkridge.

John Perry, chairman of the Best Kept Village Working Group, which organised the competition on behalf of the Community Council of Staffordshire, said: "The standards achieved across the board by those who entered were very commendable indeed."

POLICE

Watchdog in probe over ashes claim

A POLICE watchdog is investigating claims that officers scattered a child's ashes in a bedroom while looking for stolen property.

Chelsea Wright, aged 23 from Cannock, alleged that during a search of an address on June 27, Staffordshire Police investigators opened up a 'memory bear' containing the ashes of her 10-month-old son Nathan, who died in 2014.

Ms Wright

Ms Wright said she subsequently found ashes among the furnishings in the bedroom and lodged a formal complaint with the force, which has now been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

The organisation has since gathered evidence including body-worn camera footage and accounts from the officers.

IPCC operations manager Steve Bimson said: "We have met with Ms Wright and her partner to explain our role, and we will keep all parties regularly updated on our investigation. This is an emotive case, and we are conscious of the distress and wider concern this has caused.

"We will be looking at all of the circumstances of this incident."

FESTIVAL

Town gets ready for a day of fun

HEDNESFORD Festival takes place in the park and town this weekend.

A dog show, live entertainment and maypole workshops are among the fun lined up on Saturday from midday to 6pm.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Living History Group will be a highlight of the day with a reconstruction of a territorial field kitchen set up.

Organised by Hednesford in Partnership the festival is free fun for all the family.

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Surgeon gets 20 years for botched ops

Shamed surgeon Ian Paterson

A SURGEON who carried out needless breast operations has had his 15-year jail sentence increased to 20 years – a move welcomed by two of his victims.

Frances Perks, of Burntwood, and Patricia Welch, from Aldridge, watched together as the verdict on Ian Paterson was announced on TV.

Mrs Perks, who endured nine unnecessary operations, at a cost of tens of thousands of pounds, said: "I'm pleased the sentence has been increased, it's an acknowledgement of the extent of the damage he did to us, not just physically but mentally, but I was sorry he didn't get life, so I have mixed emotions."

Paterson, who left victims scarred and disfigured, was ordered by the Court of Appeal on Thursday to serve extra time behind bars.

Lady Justice Hallett, Mrs Justice Carr and Mr Justice Goss, sitting in London, declared that the original jail term imposed in May was 'unduly lenient'.

The ruling came after the sentence was referred to the court for review by Solicitor General Robert Buckland.

Paterson, aged 59, from Altrincham, Greater Manchester, watched proceedings via a video link from prison. He was convicted by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court of offences of wounding with intent and unlawful wounding against 10 patients. Mrs Perks, whose treatment by Paterson over several years included a full mastectomy and breast reconstruction in 2009, said closure was still some way off for her.

"Patricia smiled at the increase but I found it more difficult," she said.

Leanne Joseph from Cheslyn Hay was another of the victims who told the trial that Paterson's crimes had left them in constant pain and struggling to trust medical professionals.

Club helper David is honoured for service

HE has spent nearly two decades cleaning the changing rooms, washing the kit and serving bacon butties on matchdays at his local rugby club.

Now, in recognition of his dedicated service, David Taylor is heading to the home of the sport – Twickenham Stadium.

David Taylor

He became a member of Cannock RFC when his son Philip started playing there and has since spent 18 years as its chairman.

Now he has been put forward for the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition Programme celebrating the unsung heroes of the game.

At a ceremony held at Brindley Mitsubishi in Delta Way, Cannock, David was selected as the local winner and will now go on to the national contest.

He will be whisked off to Twickenham in September along with 41 other finalists for an awards ceremony where three of the winners will drive away in a new Mitsubishi.

David said: "It was a very pleasant surprise to be nominated at all, let alone win. To be recognised for what I've done is so very nice.

"I think it's great Mitsubishi Motors is holding a contest like this to celebrate the small guys in the game."

Plan for 200 homes sparks traffic fears

UP to 200 homes could be built in Penkridge, sparking fears over traffic chaos.

Bloor Homes has unveiled its proposal for an estate west of the A449 Stafford Road backing on to Nursery Drive.

The developer says the site is 'ideal' due to its transport links but a councillor has expressed concerns over whether the village could cope with an influx of traffic – and people. A public consultation on the scheme has been launched ahead of a formal application being submitted to South Staffordshire Council.

Councillor Len Bates, who represents Penkridge North East and is vice-chairman of the council, said: "I do have concerns on the effect this will have on our infrastructure, particularly in terms of our doctors surgeries and schools.

"This is a lot more people to be welcoming to Penkridge and of course there are concerns about traffic issues, but that is always a problem here.

Shortage

"If this goes ahead, along with the rail freight hub plans, the roads could become far too congested."

Bloor Homes planning director Max Whitehead said: "Our plan is to deliver attractive new homes that complement the local area, while helping to address the shortage of affordable homes in Penkridge.

"The site is ideally located, just a short walk away from public transport links and local amenities. We are mindful that any residential development in Penkridge must be tailored to the town's needs. Before submitting a planning application we will be consulting with local residents."

Recent proposals for a huge freight hub down the road from Penkridge at Gailey prompted a backlash from villagers over fears the development would lead to traffic chaos on the A449. Hundred of residents attended a meeting on the scheme, saying the route already gets 'gridlocked' every time there is an incident on the M6.

Curtain comes down on former club

Demolition work under way at The Tackeroo – a popular music venue for more than 50 years

FROM Alvin Stardust to just dust – a popular former music club has met the bulldozer, with the site set to house apartments.

The Tackeroo was the go-to place in Hednesford for more than half a century. Now it has been levelled after planning permission for housing was granted.

The club was established in 1950 but its future was cast into doubt when owner Geoff Summerfield, who took it on in 1997, announced in 2014 that he wanted to retire.

Hednesford Green Heath councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said it was 'a shame' to see the site go but Councillor Doris Grice, who represents the Hednesford North ward, said that while the site did bring 'some great shows' to the area, she would often get complaints from residents about noise."

The club hosted hundreds of acts

Campaign tackles rise in fire attacks

THE number of arson attacks is on the rise in Staffordshire, prompting fire chiefs to launch a campaign.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen a 70 per cent increase in deliberate fires last month compared with last year. In July, the service was called to 170 blazes in the open, or in disused buildings, caused by arson. In the same month last year, there were 101 incidents across the county.

Fire chiefs have now launched the Flames Aren't Games campaign to deter young people from setting fires.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rob Barber said: "We urge the public to share our video and campaign messages on social media and ask parents to ensure their children know that setting fires puts lives at risk."

Join in a bat walk

THE next event staged by the Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is a bat walk at Shoal Hill on Saturday. The meeting point is the car park in Cocksparrow Lane at 8.45pm. The walk has been organised with the South East Staffs Bat Group. All are welcome.

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Dozens of officers are injured on frontline

DOZENS of police officers have been bitten, cut, scratched and bruised while attending incidents in Staffordshire during a three-month period.

There were 140 Staffordshire Police officers injured on the frontline between April and June of this year.

The most common injury sustained was bruising followed by scratching and sprain/strain, cuts, then bites.

It comes as part of the police's requirement to publish statistics detailing the number of times officers have used force. New figures show that there were 42,641 resourced policing incidents and officers were required to use force on 1,345 occasions – a percentage of 3.1 per cent.

In the same period, 4,387 arrests were made in total.

Use of force tactics range from low-level tactical verbal communications and compliant handcuffing to the use of irritant spray, baton, shields, tasers and firearms.

Police officers used force on 1,103 occasions to protect themselves, 567 times to protect the public and 884 times to protect another officer.

Assistant chief constable of Nick Adderley of the force added: "In fulfilling our duties as police officers, there will be occasions when we need to use force.

"The majority of our incidents, however, involve minimal or no use of force," he added.

Concerns raised over CCTV in cells

CONCERNS have been raised about custody facilities at Staffordshire Police stations by a government watchdog, although they concluded detainees were generally held safely.

HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) has now published its latest report following an unannounced inspection which took place in April.

They visited custody suites in Watling police station at Gailey, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Tamworth.

Inspectors were concerned to find that performance information was not comprehensive and monitoring was limited.

The watchdog was, however, pleased to find that in most cases, custody staff treated detainees with care and compassion.

Farm's fundraiser

CANALSIDE Farm, near Rugeley, will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 29 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. For further details call 01889 881747 or visit www.canalsidefarm.co.uk

'Victory' statue is centrepiece of display

The 'Victory over Blindness' statue

A NEW exhibition at the National Memorial Arboretum commemorates those who lost their sight in the First World War.

Developed in partnership with Blind Veterans UK, it showcases a sculpture called 'Victory over Blindness' and is open to the public until December 3.

Johanna Domke-Guyot (Marshall) has used the medium of contemporary life-like sculptures to express human relationships, and evoke an emotional response from the viewer based on their own personal interpretation.

'Victory over Blindness' is the centrepiece of the exhibition, echoing the painting 'Gassed' by John Singer Sargent.

The exhibition also includes mixed-media artefacts commemorating those who lost their sight during the Great War, as well as those who have lost their sight in subsequent conflicts.

The title of the exhibition, 'Victory over Blindness', was the favourite phrase of Blind Veterans' founder Sir Arthur Pearson, who on losing his sight in 1913 was determined to continue to live a fulfilling life.

He set himself the goal of changing society's perception of blind people. While serving in the First World War, thousands of men and women lost their sight, giving rise to the importance of the charity in supporting their adjustments to a very different life.

Kathryn Rogerson, exhibitions officer at the Arboretum, said: "We are delighted to be working with Joanna Domke-Guyot and Blind Veterans UK to host this new exhibition at the Arboretum, enhancing our cultural offering.

"This temporary exhibition uses art as a medium to explore the difficulties facing those who are blinded in war."

Match tribute to Luke 'disrupted by stewards'

STEWARDS at an Aston Villa match disrupted a minute's applause in memory of a teenager who died in Ibiza, his family and friends say.

The tribute to Luke Barnett, from Cannock, was organised by his friends for the 19th minute at Villa Park on Saturday.

But when the group of eight supporters stood up in the Holte End to mark the 19-year-old's death, they claim stewards told them to sit down.

Luke Barnett

An argument then took place and it is alleged one of the group was manhandled by a security officer before leaving at half-time.

Now, Luke's family have been given an opportunity to put their side of the argument direct to Villa officials.

An Aston Villa spokesman said: "We have invited Luke's family to come into Villa Park to discuss the matter with the club."

Luke died last month after a cardiac arrest following a night out in San Antonio – thought to have been triggered by an undetected pre-existing health condition.

His mother Claire Barnett, 45, said she was unhappy with the stewards' reaction.

She was sitting in the Trinity Road stand with her son, 10-year-old Ollie.

She said: "The boys had organised the tribute and told the club they would be doing it. But when it came to the 19th minute, they were told to sit down."

Luke went to Ibiza to mark a friend's 21st birthday. He was walking back to his hotel after getting food when he collapsed.

His funeral, at Stafford Crematorium followed by an event at Chase Golf Club last Thursday, attracted hundreds of people.

Curtis Lawley, 21, from Cannock, was among his friends on holiday and organised Saturday's tribute. He said: "I got in touch with the club over social media to let them know about the applause. My step-dad tried to talk to the stewards – five of them took him away and we followed to make a complaint."

The sink hole in Hednesford which has been getting larger ever since it was reported, according to passers-by

Hole in street is getting bigger

A SINK hole measuring more than a foot in width has opened up in a Hednesford street.

The hole, in Market Street, reportedly appeared last week and has been getting larger ever since, according to passers-by.

The defect, near to B&M, was photographed by Rob Pritchard, who works in Cannock Chase Amanda Milling MP office, and posted on social media.

It was circulated by travel guru Tom Stokes who posted it via his Twitter account.

He said: "Here's a sink hole that opened up on Market Street in #Hednesford last week outside B&M which is getting bigger by the day."

Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Our highways teams are aware of the issue and will be carrying out work to make the area safe."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parents can apply for free childcare

AROUND eight million hours of funded childcare for three and four-year-olds are set to be available for working parents in Staffordshire.

The Government says the launch of the 30 hours' free childcare on September 1 will help thousands of eligible parents across the county.

The offer of increased hours from 15 to 30 hours was trialled in Staffordshire last year and is now being rolled out nationally.

Parents are being reminded that they need to check if they qualify and sign up for the scheme in advance at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to secure the 30 hours.

Families invited to fun day at centre

FAMILIES are invited to join in a fun day at Cannock Chase Children's Centre later this month.

The event promises a wide range of activities including arts and craft, fairground-style games, a teddy tombola, circus workshop, face painting and a magic show. It will be held on August 22 between 12.30 and 3.30pm.

Mark Sutton, cabinet member for children and young people at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Last year's event was a real success and we hope to see even more families this year." Call 01543 469894 for details.

Friends to judge hill photographs

FRIENDS of Etching Hill are putting photography skills to the test and rewarding the best in their first ever photo competition.

Photographs must be posted on their Facebook page, and the ones with the most 'likes' each month will be crowned photograph of the month.

These will then be put on display at the Charter Fair 2018 for the public to decide their ultimate favourite and receive a small prize. Rules and regulations state the photos must be of the hill or taken on the hill. Anyone can apply despite level of experience.

Power provider sees sales grow by 16pc

TEMPORARY power provider Aggreko, which has its UK head office in Cannock, saw sales rise in the first half of this year.

The group's revenue was up 16 per cent to £792 million, but pre-tax profit slipped by 10 per cent to £63m.

Chief executive Chris Weston said: "Energy markets and technologies are evolving and we continue to invest and grow our capabilities to take advantage of the opportunities."

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COUNTY NEWS

Urgent action call on dirty air

AN environmental charity has hit out at the Government's air quality plan which they say will leave thousands of residents in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley breathing in poisonous air.

An analysis by Friends of the Earth reveals that there are no plans for action on dirty air across large parts of the West Midlands, despite toxic levels of pollution.

Wolverhampton and Walsall are predicted to have illegal levels until at least 2020, but according to the lates plan, no action is required, and no action is planned for Dudley or Sandwell either, despite their illegal levels.

Singers sought to join city choir

A LEADING choir that has been entertaining crowds since 1943 is appealing for new members.

The City of Wolverhampton Orpheus Male Voice Choir has made a huge impact on charities, collecting money for the likes of the Midland Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion through fundraising events.

The choir, over the last few years, has diminished in membership, mainly due to ill health or age.

New members do not have to be able to read music. For further information about joining the choir or for details about future concerts go to the website, womvc.org or call 01902 337990.

Surge in demand for electric cars

MOTORISTS in the West Midlands are buying more electric cars than anywhere else in the country.

There were 2,704 alternative fuel vehicles registered in the first half of the year in the region.

Greater London saw 2,477 bought and Cambridgeshire 1,928.

Campaign group Go Ultra Low revealed that more than 22,400 plug-in models were registered between January and June 2017 nationally, a rise of 14.3 per cent on 2016.

Trade mission is targeting Canada

THE West Midlands Mayor is leading a trade mission to Canada this week in a bid to boost the region's economy post-Brexit.

Andy Street has been joined by Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce head Paul Faulkner on the trip to Toronto, where they will meet with business leaders to examine trade possibilities between the West Midlands and Canada.

Boom boom! A Strictly great line-up

Ray Mancini

BOXING champion Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini is heading back to the UK and will talk about his colourful life to fans in Cannock.

Fans have the chance to meet the former World Lightweight Champion as well as enjoy a five-course meal and a Q&A session led by former professional boxer Richie Woodhall.An Evening with Ray Mancini takes place on September 13 at Bar Sport's Premier Suite.

Meanwhile, Strictly Come Dancing fans still have a chance to bag tickets to see some of the show's stars at a charity event at the venue on September 9.

Stars from the TV show are taking part in a one-off dinner and dance to raise funds for the Dot Com Children's Foundation charity. Tables for Strictly . . . for You! range from £750 for 10 people to £1,900 for a table of 11 including one of the stars as well as a VIP reception and complimentary photos. Ian Waite will partner Erin Boag, and Kristina Rihanoff will partner Tristan Macmanus for a series of dances.

Former X Factor finalist Christopher Maloney will be singing

Kristina Rihanoff

Third of region's trains are late or cancelled

By Mark Andrews

AROUND a third of all trains in the West Midlands region are either late or cancelled, figures show.

Birmingham New Street was one of the worst performing stations, with 54.5 per cent of trains failing to arrive on time.

Codsall, which saw 42.7 per cent of trains cancelled or delayed, and Dudley Port, which saw 42 per cent of trains fail to arrive on time, were also among the worst performers.

Cannock saw 26.7 per cent of trains delayed or cancelled, Lichfield City 28.3 per cent, while for Lichfield Trent Valley 35 per cent failed to show up on time. In Walsall, the figure was 35.6 per cent.

At Wolverhampton, 38.4 per cent of trains arrived late or were cancelled, at Stafford the figure was 32.9 per cent, and Sandwell and Dudley 36.9 per cent.

Official

The figures were obtained from Network Rail's own running data, based on signal records, and are in stark contrast to the official figures released last month which said 89.8 per cent of trains nationally were 'on time'.

However, the official figures measure trains at their final stop, and they are considered 'on time' if they are less than 10 minutes late for national services, and less than five minutes late for local services. The new figures, which relate to the period from July 21 to 27, record the performance at all stations, and considers them 'delayed' if they are late by a minute or more.

● London Midland is enforcing railway bylaws to reduce anti-social behaviour on trains. The move will tackle issues ranging from smoking to feet on seats and playing loud music. Future offences could lead to a prosecution.

A lasting legacy for air ambulance

Sir Lee Pearson at the legacy wall at Jaguar Land Rover's i54 base

AN 11-time Paralympic champion from Staffordshire unveiled a new feature wall at Jaguar Land Rover's i54 base.

Sir Lee Pearson CBE launched the 'legacy wall' at JLR's Engine Manufacturing Centre.

The wall – in support of the manufacturing centre's official charity, Midlands Air Ambulance – was the idea of machining manager Jon Stanley.

He took inspiration from a traditional brick-built wall he saw on a visit to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The wall is made up of more than 250 brushed aluminium-style plaques, each sponsored by an employee at the manufacturing centre. It has raised more than £2,700 for Midlands Air Ambulance – boosting the total raised in the last two years to more than £14,000.

Sir Lee said: "It's a privilege as an ambassador for Midlands Air Ambulance to be invited to unveil this inspiring legacy wall and also to see the great fundraising efforts of Jaguar Land Rover's staff.

"I've experienced first-hand the incredible work that the Midlands Air Ambulance team undertake, and as an ambassador I'm also aware of the invaluable contribution made by those associated with this lifesaving service, which is wholly reliant on public funding."

An average trip to A&E lasts 2 and half hours

PATIENTS going into A&E across Staffordshire and the Black Country should expect a two and a half hour stay.

New figures have revealed the average time spent at hospitals by patients from when they enter A&E until they are discharged.

Many patients have faced much longer waits in crowded departments, with hospitals in the region struggling to meet national waiting time targets over the last year, as emergency departments have come under significant pressure.

Patients needing emergency care spent the longest at Walsall Manor Hospital during April, with an average stay lasting two hours and 43 minutes.

University Hospital North Midlands Trust, which runs County Hospital, was close behind on two hours and 42 minutes, followed by Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley where the average wait was two hours and 41 minutes.

The average stay at Sandwell General and City Hospital in Birmingham was slightly lower at two hours and 14 minutes, while at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton it was two hours and 10 minutes.

Despite the many problems at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Kidderminster Hospital and is rated inadequate, patients were in and out within two hours, with the average wait one hour and 57 minutes.

But at the University Hospitals Birmingham, which runs the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the average stay was three minutes short of three hours.

Hospital seeks IT attack cash

THE chief executive of the trust which runs Stafford County Hospital has confirmed it will be applying for funding to help prevent further NHS cyber attacks.

IT systems at 16 NHS England organisations were hit by a cyber attack in May, including the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust which runs County Hospital in Stafford and also the Royal Stoke University Hospital. Now, chief executive Paula Clark has confirmed that the trust will be applying for Government funding to increase cyber resilience.

She said: "£21 million of capital funding to increase the cyber resilience of major trauma centres has recently been announced. As we are a Major Trauma Centre, we are eligible to apply for this funding."

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Relocate C4 to the Black Country, MP urges

CHANNEL 4 should relocate to Wolverhampton or Walsall, a Staffordshire MP has suggested.

Government Chief Whip Gavin Williamson said the national debate about moving the state-owned broadcaster from London had focussed on Birmingham and Manchester with 'little consideration' for other towns and cities.

The South Staffordshire MP said: "I think we need to be bold and ambitious. There is a tendency for people to focus on places like Birmingham or Manchester when we start talking about relocating Government departments, agencies, parts of the BBC or, in this case, Channel 4.

"Those cities have already seen huge investment and regeneration in recent years and it does seem to me that little consideration is given to places like Wolverhampton, Walsall, or Stoke." The Government ran an 18-month review into the broadcaster followed by a public consultation.

Channel 4 warned that moving its entire workforce out of London could lead to an exodus of staff and see it struggle against its rivals.

● Cannock Chase Radio has applied to Ofcom for an FM licence.

Currently the station is available only online but it plans to be able to be heard through the traditional radio airwaves with the FM licence, if its application is successful.

New venue for revamped club

CANNOCK Photographic Society is on the move to celebrate its 60th annual exhibition.

The group will be moving to Norton Canes Community Centre from the start of its new season next month.

To mark its its 60th annual exhibition in Novemberre the club is being relaunched with a new venue, new programme of events and presentations, a new logo, and an updated website. It also has a new chairman, Paul Reynolds, following the retirement of John and Chris Cartlidge.

Anyone interested in joining can attend an open night on August 31 from 8pm to 10pm at Norton Canes Community Centre.

For more information about the club visit www.cannockps.co.uk

Off to Oakamoor

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is from Oakamoor, near Alton Towers. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station for a 9am prompt departure. For details call John on 01889 271303. New walkers welcome.

Plans for White House given go-ahead

The White House in Cannock

MILLION pound plans to revamp the oldest building in Cannock have been given the go-ahead.

The businessman behind the scheme is now asking firms to come forward and help complete his vision.

Fred Pritchard purchased the White House for an undisclosed fee and announced his vision to bring it back into use earlier this year. The proposals for the striking Grade II* listed property on High Green will see it transformed into restaurants and restored as a wedding venue.

They also include converting rooms on the upper floors into homes while other spaces will accommodate small businesses such as a photography studio or health and beauty salon.

Now, planning chiefs at Cannock Chase Council have given their seal of approval, with work set to get under way in the coming weeks.

Mr Pritchard said: "This regeneration will put Cannock Chase once more in the spotlight.

"People will come from all around to enjoy not only the benefits and beauty of the Chase but a regenerated Cannock town with niche boutique shops and delicious eateries. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the White House is set to restore its focal place facing the ancient bowling green and providing a historic backdrop to this much-loved area.

"We are looking for established entrepreneurs to see this vision through once the building is completed, which will take probably a six-month time span and cost in excess of one million pounds." Staffordshire County Council acquired the building in 1981.

It was declared surplus to requirements in 2015.

Charity boss leaves her job after race crime

A CHARITY boss from Cannock who racially abused a taxi driver has now left her post.

Susan Dimmock, the former deputy chief executive of Steps To Work, was found guilty of racially aggravated harassment earlier this year.

The Walsall-based charity helps people in the Black Country and Staffordshire into employment. Bosses at the charity said that following an investigation, Dimmock was 'no longer employed by Steps to Work'. A spokesman said the organisation had 'a zero tolerance policy on hate crime and cannot compromise on this'.

Susan Dimmock

Dimmock, aged 52, of Edmonton Close, racially abused taxi driver Muddasar Ali as he drove her home on October 31.

She denied racially aggravated harassment but magistrates found her guilty after a trial in June. She was fined £623, told to pay a victim surcharge of £30 and court costs of £362.

The case sparked an internal probe by the charity, which culminated in her exit.

A Steps to Work spokesman said: "After a thorough investigation conducted by the CEO and the vice-chair of the board, this matter has been concluded. As a result, the employee is no longer employed by Steps to Work. As an organisation, we have a zero tolerance policy on hate crime and cannot compromise on this.

"It is very important that our employees, customers and partner organisations understand that Steps to Work remain committed to working in our local diverse communities.

"In order to underpin this we will ensure that our equality and diversity training schedule includes mandatory hate crime refresher training for all employees."

Steps To Work works alongside other organisations in the region, including the Beacon Centre for the Blind, Sandwell Consortium, and Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership.

Wolves couple celebrate 60 years

Diamond couple Gladys and Hank Giles wearing the Wolves scarf knitted by her father

A FOOTBALL-MAD couple who met on the way to a Wolves match are still going strong, 60 years on.

Gladys and Hank Giles met at 15 and 16-years-old respectively and after a promise to see each other after the match, they went to the local youth club to play table tennis and continued to meet up until they decided it was time to wed.

Four years later, they got married at Featherstone Methodist Church. Hank said: "We were the only ones from the gang who got together."

The couple have a daughter and son, and two grandchildren, and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a great-grandchild in November.

Mr Giles worked at the Goodyear factory for 20 years Mrs Giles worked in a key factory.

At 79 and 80, they now live in Essington and are spending their retirement enjoying their hobby of gardening.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blaze alert over uncoiled cable

PEOPLE are being warned about electrical fire hazards after a cable almost caused a fire.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) were called following reports of smoke coming from an electrical socket at a home in Ravenhill Terrace, Rugeley. When crews arrived they found that the cause was an uncoiled extension cable, which was plugged into the socket to power a washing machine and tumble dryer.

Because the cable had not been uncoiled fully it had overheated and caused the socket to overheat and smoke. The incident happened at around 7.50pm on July 28.

Deer Awareness Day at centre

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council's Ranger Service and the British Deer Society are teaming up to raise awareness about how to protect the animals.

They will host a day of activities aimed at teaching visitors about the creatures and how to protect them for Deer Awareness Day at the Marquis Drive Visitor Centre on Cannock Chase from 10.30am to 4pm on Sunday.

It is estimated by the Deer Initiative that there are up to 75,000 deer-vehicle collisions each year in the UK, with between 400 and 700 people injured.

Chairman's £7k for good causes

MORE than £7,000 has been raised for good causes by the chairman of South Staffordshire Council.

Councillor Bernard Williams chose the Steve Bull Foundation as his chosen charity and presented a cheque to the Wolves legend.

Trustees at the charity have now allocated the money to various good causes, including the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association to purchase a guide dog, and an all-terrain wheelchair for a poorly six-year-old girl called Holly, which will make a huge different to her quality of life.

Park's tiger themed day boosts charity

VISITORS to Drayton Manor Park earned their stripes during a day of fundraising activities for International Tiger Day.

Throughout the day, hundreds of people had their faces painted orange and black and took part in tiger themed activities, tombolas and raffles to raise £700 for the 21st Century Tiger charity, which helps wild tiger conservation projects around the world.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Picture this, £10k spent to promote MPs' image

I USED to think there were few sights funnier than those bizarre clips they show on televised football where each player walk towards the camera, puts on a stern expression, and then folds his arms. I mean, why do they need to do it? What's wrong with a good old head-and-shoulders picture, if we really need to see what the player looks like at all. We tune in to watch the game, not admire their biceps.

At least that was until I saw the new pictures of our MPs striking similar poses for the House of Commons website. The Commons' authorities spent £10,000 hiring celebrity photographer Chris McAndrew, better known for his pictures of Snoop Dogg and Charlotte Rampling, in an attempt to refresh its stuffy image. And instead came up with what looks like a mob of refugees from an old Kay's catalogue. Now tell me that's not a brilliant use of taxpayer's money.

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DO you ever read something in the news, and wonder if we are all the victim of a huge practical joke?

Take Marie Buchan, the former stripper from Birmingham who seems to have now carved out a rather lucrative career as a serial benefit claimant, raking in a tasty £26,000 a year.

To be honest, I thought the Government had put a stop to all this – I seem to remember something about a "cruel benefit cap" and "plunging 40,000 children into poverty" – but it seems Marie still seems to be doing rather well out of it.

And to put this into context, £26,000 in take-home benefits is the equivalent to a gross salary of £33,000 a year. So I can't help but think there must be a lot of hard-working folk in the Black Country earning considerably less than Marie gets.

Anyhow, Marie has decided that she deserves a little treat, so she did what any struggling single mother-of-eight living on benefits would do, and bought herself a horse. Her splendid 14-hand cob, which she bought in Bilston, will cost something like £3,600 a year to look after.

"I want a horse and I'm going to get it," she says. "I've wanted one for a long, long time – since before I had the kids."

Look, love, I've wanted a 100ft yacht in Antibes for a long time too, but I guess I'm going to have to be patient.

It's probably no great surprise that she is best friends with White Dee off Benefits Street, but it is her justification that it is "no different from buying a car" that really takes the biscuit.

Marie, most people buy a car to go to work in. You should try it some time.

Passchendaele tributes to mark centenary of battle

Prince Charles, seen with his impressive collection of medals at Tyne Cot cemetery

Bill Bray's Legion d'Honneur medal – a timely reminder of a little-known battle on D-Day

A Swiss break for Theresa May, as imagined by journalists working for Private Eye magazine

War of words over Charles's medals

MORE on the battle of the sexes. A reader tells me he regularly greets his wife at the door with: "I'm afraid there's been a terrible accident involving all the things you asked me to do today."

OH, the embarrassment. One national newspaper zoomed in on the impressive chestful of medals worn by the Prince of Wales at last week's Passchendaele commemoration and found they were not all real gongs at all. Charles was wearing an assortment of commemorative medals – alongside service medals – most of which he received for being his mother's son: the Coronation medal, Silver Jubilee medal, Golden Jubilee medal, etc. Notably absent was the Cycling Proficiency badge, so we can only assume he never passed the test. Seriously, if you haven't got a proper medal to wear, don't wear anything.

A FASCINATING and well-reasoned letter in a national paper seems to prove that the average new electric car produces twice as much climate-changing carbon dioxide as a petrol car. But such is the political rush for all-electric transport that warnings like this are drowned out. Twenty years ago, when diesel was being hailed as the saviour of the planet, how many dissenting voices were ignored? With a little more foresight, we wouldn't need hindsight.

AMPUTATIONS, public stonings, legally-enforced rape, child abduction. Some pundits claim The Handmaid's Tale (C4) was the most harrowing TV drama ever. Hardly. Over on More 4, Outlander is about to plumb unspeakable depths of depravity. Flipping ahead with the DVD set, I've never seen anything like it. Outlander is described as brand-new drama. The brand in question is red hot and steaming with human flesh. You ain't seen nothing yet.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A THICK embossed envelope arrives inviting me to "an exclusive seminar in your local area" by a "wealth management" firm. Turns out to be in Leicestershire, 28 miles from my front door, which is not exactly what I understand by "local.". If their geography is rubbish, why should I trust their maths?

INCIDENTALLY, I see the attractions at the "wealth management" seminar include coffee and Danish pastries. I fear those may be the most expensive Danish pastries some poor suckers ever eat.

IT has never been easier to get into university than it is now. It has never been easier to get a first; these once-hallowed degrees are now handed out like peppermints. But there is one area of varsity life which is as rigorous and unforgiving as ever - University Challenge (BBC2). This week Southampton University routed Cardiff University by a withering 280-40. Southampton won because its team was better selected, better rehearsed and far better informed than its rivals. Preparation - the ultimate lesson for life.

I WAS pleased to read this week that 97-year-old Bill Bray, a wartime tank driver with the Staffordshire Yeomanry, has been awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French government for his part in liberating France. He is one of the last survivors of a little battle which probably saved the Allied landings on D-Day, June 6, 1944, yet is barely known today. German tanks were heading for the crowded invasion beaches where they could have caused mayhem. But they were stopped and destroyed in a well-planned ambush by the Staffordshire Yeomanry. It was a decisive moment on that world-changing day, yet it is barely mentioned in history books and has never appeared in any D-Day movie. Why not? Probably because the Yeomanry was a regiment of part-time Territorials, not a fashionable, famous or well-connected regular unit. When the Regulars come home from war, an officer writes the regimental history. When the Territorials come home from war, they go back to their day jobs and their deeds fade from memory. Bill Bray's medal is a timely reminder of a victory which deserves to be remembered with pride.

ACCORDING to legend, mediaeval priests would argue about how many angels could dance on the head of a pin. Thank goodness religion has moved on. Or has it? The latest controversy troubling the Vatican is whether, when preparing the bread and wine for Holy Communion, it is acceptable to use gluten-free bread. Latest thinking from Rome is that totally gluten-free is forbidden but low-gluten bread is fine. Rejoice. I dare say in heaven a lot of angels are dancing at this news, some of them on pins. A small, mischievous part of me would like to see Father Ted explaining it all to Dougal.

"MR Davis asked if I was going to Switzerland and recommended a lovely village called Dignitas." from Theresa May's diary, as imagined in the current Private Eye.

TALKING POINT

We're not part of the problems in society

IT WAS with some amazement, and a little quiet satisfaction, that I found myself being refused an alcohol purchase some 20 years+ since reaching the legal age.

Sadly the reason for this was not because I looked so young, or even that I had 'had enough'. I was refused because I was shopping with one of my children!

There was a very tempting offer at a local convenience store on one of my favourite tipples so I wandered along.

In the absence of trollies, my young daughter helped me carry the wares. At the till, I was asked for her ID. Given that she is a schoolgirl quite clearly below the legal age to drink I pointed out, needlessly, that I was buying the alcohol. Only to be told that because she had 'touched' the bottles, she needed to show her ID.

Frustratedly offering to pay just for the bottles I had touched made no difference. So I stropped out of the shop and spend my hard-earned elsewhere.

But what was gained from denying this busy working mother a little treat at the weekend? I am clearly not going to cause a nuisance drinking at the park or mayhem in town centres after a drunken binge – and neither is my daughter!

Ordinary folk like me are not part of society's problems but we are soft targets. It is easier to tick a box by challenging a mundane mother like myself than actual nuisance drinkers. Would that young girl assistant have been quick to refuse a gang of youths on their way to a party?

It is a similar scenario with speeders. Travelling down the Orbital Route at Cannock during the daytime you are sure to come across the 'safety camera' van looking to snare a stay-at-home mother or elderly driver daring to creep over the limit. They are sure to pay their fines or take a 'humble pie' speed awareness course – easy money.

But anyone who has travelled that route in the evening will no doubt have been almost taken out by one of the boy racers who treat the road like Silverstone. Where is the 'safety camera' then?

Or how about the fly-tippers who are the scourge of our countryside? How many of these end up in the dock? Not enough. But too often we find the poor old dear who paid someone to take away their rubbish paying a fine. That's because it is easier to track them down from the rubbish than really invest time in snaring the thoughtless fly-tippers.

So underage binge drinkers, boy racers and fly-tippers go largely under the radar while working mums are denied a tipple and slightly speedy pensioners are hauled over the coals. Isn't it time we stopped simply hitting the soft targets?

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Prevention 'is key' in drink drive campaigns

A POLICE inspector has insisted that preventing people from driving under the influence is key after 4,000 were arrested for the offence in two-and-a-half years.

Staffordshire Police arrested an average of almost four people each day across the county who were caught drink driving between January 2015 and June this year.

The force made 719 drink driver arrests between January and June this year, 1,403 in 2016 and 1,394 in 2015 – 1,029 of whom were arrested and taken to Watling police station at Gailey.

Commenting on the statistics obtained by the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, Insp Matthew Derrick said the force does all it can to send out a 'strong and clear message' on the dangers of drink driving.

Powers

"The measures that we put in place to tackle drink driving include proactive roadside screening," he said. "We take part in focused national campaigns during the winter and summer months, which generate greater policing activity at times when drinking is more prevalent.

"We have also recently been given powers to screen for drugs at the roadside, which is a significant tool for us to address driving whilst intoxicated.

"We would far rather focus our time and effort on preventing people getting behind the wheel whilst intoxicated in the first place, and we do all that we can to send out strong and clear messages outlining the dangers and consequences."

The Never Drink or Drug Drive – Stop and Think campaign last December saw officers stopping motorists throughout the day and night. Anyone with information on a suspected drink or drug driver can call Staffordshire Police on 101.

College hosts showcase

Graham Morley, left, and Jonathan Dale at AgriSTEM

THE UK's agriculture industry was brought together at an event in Staffordshire.

South Staffordshire College celebrated the launch of its £5.4 million AgriSTEM Academy, and hosted agriculture business leaders, skills training organisations, and local and national politicians to preview the facilities.

Guests had the opportunity to test their precision farming skills at hay baling on the tractor simulator and were treated to a performance from the dancing robots in the Advanced Mechatronics Lab.

Graham Morley, chief executive principal of the college, said: "The unique combination of facilities and expertise on offer at AgriSTEM will place us right at the forefront of the national skills agenda."

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Other side of police argument

I READ with interest the letter7 from Judith Walters ("Numbers question for police," August 3).

I wonder if Ms Walters knows the nature of the call to the police regarding the demeanour of the alleged shoplifter? Was he/she displaying or offering violence?

What is Ms Walters's experience of dealing with shoplifters, to ask how many officers it takes to deal with one person. Come on, Ms Walters, give us the benefit of your experience in dealing with such matters.

I would also like to know whether she spends all day every Friday in the town centre of Cannock or could it just be that she doesn't see them in the time frame that she is in town?

PETER WYATT
Rugeley

Day in Rhyl was exciting as going abroad

READING about the airport delays, and seeing the number of children involved who were flying off on their summer holidays, made me think what type of holidays I and many like myself had as children.

Never considered flying off to the continent – it was something way out of reach of the average family.

Maybe if we were lucky a visit for a few days to family living in the Rhymney Valley or to stay with an aunt who was travelling around with her husband who was working on the new motorways.

The one thing that we did look forward to every year was the Working Men's Club (Mansfield House) annual trip to Rhyl.

You could never describe how much these trips were greatly appreciated.

Two huge steam trains (first and second train) would grace Rugeley station pulling behind the carriages to carry us to our destination. After a magical day at the seaside it was back to the station for the return journey.

Pop and crisps handed to tired but happy kids. The floor of the train crackled with sand and buckets of shells were counted out on the tables.

Back to Rugeley and off to bed. It was to us as exciting as going abroad and something I for one will not forget.

JANICE WEIGHTMAN
Brereton

I'm disgusted by the actions of fraudster

I CANNOT tell you how absolutely disgusted I am by the actions of a fraudster who thinks it's OK to defraud the system of £81,000 by claiming ill health ("How holiday snaps captured fraudster", August 3).

What an absolute and utter disgrace when people like me, a 62-year-old widow, are still going to work and paying our taxes. I would say I hope she's ashamed, but doubt that very much because to do this in the first place shows no conscience. Well, I shall have to go – I am on shift in an hour, and Heaven forbid I should miss a day's work!

DIANE FREEMAN,
Great Wyrley

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Facts to be found under the bonnet

THE view of your Mark Andrews is not only misleading but wrong (In My View, Chronicle, August 3).

The most efficient internal combustion engine is still to achieve 40 per cent, whereas the AC 3 phase induction motor used on most EV are well over 90pc efficient.

The present day EV is nothing like electric vehicles that were running in the early 20th Century.

The invertor that controls the motor of today's EV is part of a complex system that also gives regeneration power for the braking system, the same that is used on Formula 1 racing cars.

Nothing like the DC motors with brushes used in the early 20th Century.

PETER TIMLIN
Huntington

Deal with this sign of danger on roads

REGARDING payment being made for road safety ideas, I would point out, free of charge, the deteriorating situation throughout the country of the obscurity of road signs on all classes of roads except motorways.

This is caused by overgrown hedges or overhanging tree branches, and only on rare occasions are they cleared.

To my mind, a small team of two with an appropriate vehicle and tools, should be fully employed to rectify the situation and keep in mind, where possible, action which would eliminate a repeat of the process the following year.

Local drivers who know their area tolerate the present problem but I am sure that strangers have difficulty, even if they have use of satellite navigation. I am sure that clear road signs would lead to much improved road safety.

MR E TURVEY
Penkridge

Wrong site was chosen

I SEE that a survey for the change of use of the Rugeley Power Station site is being carried out (Chronicle, July 27). With a little forward thinking, could this have been the site for the unwanted designer village at Mill Green, Cannock? This would save the wildlife habitat, and Cannock town centre could be regenerated. Not rocket science, just common sense. What do other readers think?

CHRIS WRIGHT
Cannock

Newcomers welcomed at induction

Rotary Club of Cannock

THE Rotary Club of Cannock held a special meeting to induct new members into the club on July 26.

President Cliff Shore was delighted to induct Ron Sutton as a member of the Cannock club. The Rotary Club has also inducted its honorary members for the new year ahead. These include the MP for Cannock Chase Amanda Milling.

The club now has 36 full members plus eight associate and honorary members, making it one of the largest clubs in the district.

The president also presented cheques, from funds raised at the recent golf day to two local charities.

Trish Mellor from the Cannock Friends of St Giles Hospice received a cheque for £1,000. She said the money would be used to support 'Phoenix at St Giles' which offers a range of support to all children and young people who have lost a loved one. A second cheque of £1,000 was presented to Harold Bould, chairman of Stafford & Cannock League of Hospital Friends, which will be used to purchase a new ward trolley at Cannock Hospital.

The Cannock club has a number of fundraising and fellowship events planned for the forthcoming year including a trip to Germany in May 2018 to meet up with Rotary Clubs of Bad Kreuznach-Nahetal from the Rhineland area of Germany and Brie-Pontault club, located near Paris.

No strings attached to puppeteer's talk

Ridwares WI members enjoy a glass of Pimm's at their stall at the summer fete

Ridwares WI

RIDWARES WI welcomed Sandra Howell whose daughter, Ximena, had sadly, recently lost her battle with cancer. Mena had many young friends in the village who had gathered to organise a village music festival and fun day in her memory, and in aid of the Bone Cancer Research Trust, at The Chadwick Arms on July 29. The Ridwares ladies agreed to run a cake stall.

Derek Wharton was the monthly speaker on puppets from around the world. Mr Wharton had started collecting puppets while on holiday in Indonesia, although he had been performing puppet shows from the age of six. He explained the difference between rod puppets and string puppets. He had mastered the art of ventriloquism and quite often put on shows for children's parties. Mr Wharton produced an interesting collection of puppets. Jill Bradbury won the competition for a favourite unusual doll.

At the village summer fete, The Ridwares WI participated with a large stall depicting the work and aims of the Women's Institute nationally and locally. A large car filled with balloons accompanied the stall and visitors were invited to 'guess how many balloons', with a large, luxury hamper the prize.

Cheque handed to Pathway

SI Cannock & District

SOROPTIMISTS were delighted to present a cheque for £250 to the Pathway Project which gives help and advice to women victims of domestic violence.

The money was 'earned' by club members acting as marshals for the Staffordshire Ironman. Six club members joined Rotarians from the district to marshal points along the 56-mile bike ride.

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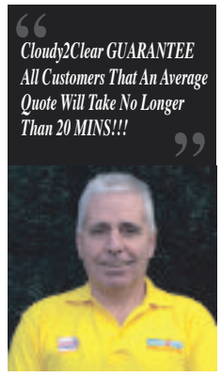

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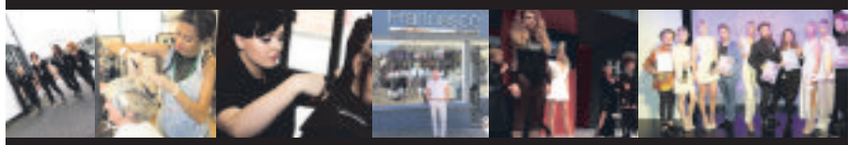

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V Festival – sounds like a laugh a minute for fans

TUNE in to the sounds of laughter as leading comic stars line up with the music stars at the V Festival

Raising the smiles will be Lee Nelson, Seann Walsh, Joel Dommett, Dave Hill and Jen Brister.

These, and others, will line up at nearby Weston Park the weekend of August 19 and 20 alongside the sounds of P!nk, Jay Z, Craig David, Ellie Goulding, Stormzy and Jess Glynne. After winning the Best Newcomer award in 2008, Joel Dommett's career has gone from strength-to-strength.

His recent stint on I'm A Celeb ensured a laugh a minute for his fellow campmates.

He says: "I'm super excited to be doing comedy at V festival. My favourite word starts with V. Vestibule. I'm beyond excited to see Stormzy. My mum recently called him 'Grimezy' and I laughed for 20 minutes."

Controversial

Simon Brodkin, or better known as his controversial alter-ego, Lee Nelson is no stranger to the comedy circuit. He is perhaps most known for his outlandish stunts and raucous behaviour, such as his famous cameo on stage with Kanye West. Also joining the comedy line up is multi award-winning comedian Seann Walsh.

He says: "Having reached my 30s, I thought it best to avoid festivals where I could. But my agent assures me V Fest is a chilled festival with a range of falafel stands, yurts and even has a yoga tent – the sort of festival, he said, where people even bring their kids."

Next up will be South-Londoner Jen Brister, famous for her politically-angled humour. Appearing regularly on Live At The Apollo, Nevermind The Buzzcocks and 8 Out Of 10 Cats, funny guy Joe Lycett is sure to delight with his quick wit.

Irish comedy and hip-hop duo, The Rubberbandits, will shock the audience with their unusual attire and unique stagecraft. And making his way across the pond is stateside star, Dave Hill. Named as one of 10 comics to watch by Variety!

Time for a laugh – top comics Lee Nelson, left, and Joel Dommett who are bound to put a smile on the faces of the thousands of fans

Headlining – double Grammy winner

Stormzy – grime and hip hop artist

Making the going easy

STAY safe – that is the message as Staffordshire prepares to welcome thousands of people for the V Festival.

The county council is working with festival organisers, the police and Highways England to ensure people travel to the Weston Park festival site safely and with minimum disruption.

V is taking place on the weekend of August 19 and 20. It is the county's largest visitor event – known to attract up to 85,000 festival-goers every year, and brings in around £9 million to the local economy.

The council's cabinet member for economic growth Mark Winnington said: "We're pleased to see so many people come to the county. "We're reminding people to follow official travel advice and directions only, not sat navs, and when they arrive at the site to keep themselves safe."

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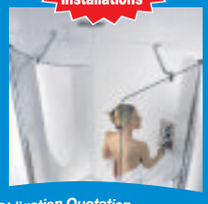

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Ace idea as charity serves up free tennis

Paul Jessop, left, and James Perrin are looking to expand the Tennis for Free scheme

WIMBLEDON may be over, but one charity is determined to make sure the sport is seen as more than just a two-week fad. Tennis for Free, founded back in 2003, is keen to promote the game as an all-year round sport.

They are looking to expand into Dudley and Stourbridge having run successful schemes in Hednesford, Lichfield and Sandwell. Run by the Perrin brothers James and Chris, from Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club, the pair put on a number of exercises to help people improve their game, as well as having the opportunity to just hit the ball and have fun.

Chief executive Paul Jessop, who joined in 2006, said: "The sport is great psychologically, socially and physically so schemes like this to get people doing a bit of healthy exercise is very beneficial."

Founded by comedian Tony Hawks and fashion executive Patrick Hollwey, Tennis for Free is expected to grow in the coming years. Visit www.tennisforfree.com for details.

Show site to shrink during work on HS2 line

STAFFORDSHIRE County Showground will lose almost a quarter of its land temporarily to the building of HS2.

And a golf club could face closure due to the loss of seven holes. The full impact of the construction work on the high-speed line from Fradley to Crewe has been unveiled in detailed documents.

The information released by HS2 Ltd shows how the countryside will change with the building of huge viaducts and realignment of main roads.

It also reveals how the construction of the line, which will affect homes and businesses in Great Haywood, Ingestre, Hopton, Marston, and Yarlet.

The showground will lose 22 per cent of land for two years and nine months, and Ingestre Park Golf Club will lose 47 per cent of land for three years

Four Seasons Nature Study Centre near Rugeley will experience significant increases in noise levels, the Reindeer Lodge near Rugeley is to lose one field, and Trentside Meadows in Handsacre will lose 32 per cent of land for three and a half years.

By Alex Ross

An HS2 Ltd spokesperson said: "We recognise that people will be concerned about the impacts of construction, and we will work closely with communities to reduce impacts where possible and ensure the safety of the public."

● Bogus callers posing as HS2 officials are targeting farms in the Lichfield area.

Police are investigating reports of at least two workers wearing hi-viz jackets and hard hats calling at properties, demanding access to land.

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Quarter of trust staff say they feel bullied

MORE than a quarter of staff at the University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust say they have experienced bullying, harassment or abuse in the workplace, a survey found.

The latest study for the trust, which runs County Hospital, reveals that 28 per cent have raised concerns over their treatment by colleagues.

The figure, taken from the 2016 staff survey, compares with the national average of 24 per cent. It is the same as that reported in 2015.

Plans are in place to implement an action plan to tackle the problem.

Charlotte Lees, workforce equality and raising concerns manager with the trust, said: "Attitudes and behaviours remain the most frequently reported concern raised at UHNM.

"Implementation of an action plan focusing on tackling bullying cultures as part of the social partnership forum call to tackle bullying in the workplace, A Collective Call to Action, is to be monitored by the trust wellbeing group and overseen by the quality assurance committee." Other

By Jordan Harris

raised by members of staff during the first four months of 2017 relate to equipment and maintenance, staffing levels, policies, procedures and processes, quality and safety, patient experience and service changes.

The trust also wants to make staff feel more comfortable about raising their concerns and has pledged to place promotional posters around its hospitals advising staff on the best procedure for doing so.

Ro Vaughan, director of human resources, said: "The Freedom to Speak Up campaign is one of a number of valuable initiatives at UHNM that enable our staff to speak up and address their concerns."

Movie tribute show on way to Garrick

Highly interactive – Julian Essex-Spurrier continues to lead the production

AN Evening of Dirty Dancing: The Tribute Show returns to the Lichfield Garrick next month.

Now in its seventh year of touring the UK and internationally, the show is a 'fully choreographed, highly interactive concert celebration' of the music from the iconic movie.

Musical theatre stalwart Julian Essex-Spurrier continues to lead the production having played numerous iconic leading roles including Saturday Night Fever, The Rocky Horror Picture Show and Rusty in Starlight Express.

He is joined by West End regular Lucy Jane Adcock.

An Evening of Dirty Dancing: The Tribute Show is directed by Paul Spicer with choreography by Leanne Harwood and includes the classic songs Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me and many more. The production, which is not affiliated with Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on stage in the West End or on tour in the UK or worldwide, comes to Lichfield on September 13.

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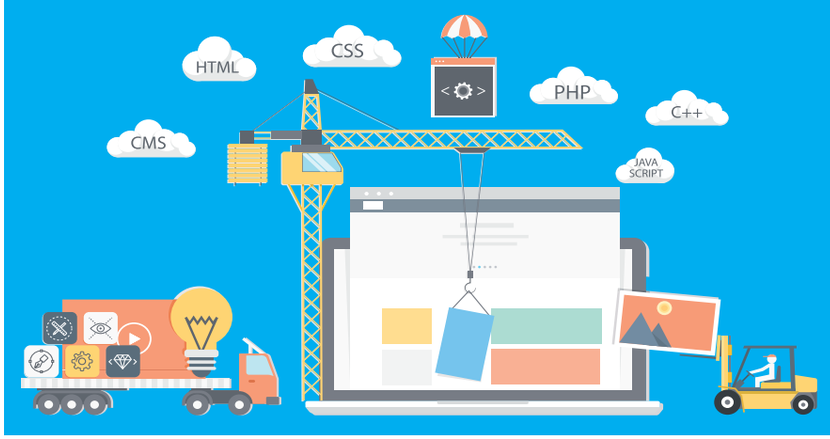

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Nursery group is Busy with £87m takeover

BURNTWOOD-BASED nursery group Busy Bees has sealed an £87 million deal for a childcare group in Canada.

It is the second international takeover by the group, located in Shaftsbury Drive, in two years.

BrightPath is Canada's leading private childcare provider, looking after 8,950 pre-school children at 78 early learning and childcare sites.

Busy Bees says the company is renowned for delivering the highest standards in curriculum, nutrition, communication and technology, and recreational programmes.

The group says that since its first overseas deal in 2015 – buying 70 nurseries across Singapore and Malaysia and the Asian International College – its business development team has been looking intently for opportunities to enter or expand in various parts of the world.

Busy Bees co-founder Marg Randles with grandson Louis at her Burntwood nursery

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Busy Bees co-founder and managing director Marg Randles said: "BrightPath, like Busy Bees, is committed to providing families with the very best child development programmes and care its country has to offer.

"We are united in our vision and values, and we are delighted to be working with such a talented team to share best practice across the waters.

"Busy Bees is enjoying an amazing year with the addition of a number of quality nurseries, bringing the total to 482 nurseries across the UK, Canada, Singapore and Malaysia."

Busy Bees was launched in 1983 after its founders, Lynn and John Woodward, Margaret and Peter Randles, and Sally and David Thackray were frustrated with the lack of suitable childcare for their own children.

Baldwins seals Rice deal

WALSALL accountancy group Baldwins has acquired a firm in Cannock.

It has taken over Rice & Co chartered accountants and business advisers, based at offices on Rumer Hill Business Estate, which will now trade as Baldwins Accountants.

All 15 staff members at Rice & Co will continue to work at the office.

Baldwins Accountancy Group, which was originally founded in Walsall, now has an annual turnover of around £70 million and employs more than 1,250 people at more than 40 offices from Wales to the North East. Cannock-based Rice & Co was founded in the late 1950s and services roughly 1,000 clients a year from big manufacturing companies to sole traders.

Kevin Preece, Steve Dale and Chris Stonier are all directors at Rice & Co in Cannock, and will be joined by Chris Blue from Baldwins who has been promoted from the business's Walsall office. Ed Hill will also be joining the team in Cannock.

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Call for push to use land for skilled jobs

AN MP says building warehouses and distribution centres on the Rugeley Power Station site would be a 'betrayal' of residents.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling issued a thinly veiled objection to Cannock Chase Council's broad vision for the site, which includes a mix of commercial and industrial buildings as well as homes.

Instead she has echoed the sentiments of a third-party developer who has worked up proposals for a 374-acre 'Silicon Valley' complex.

Ms Milling said: "The redevelopment of the Rugeley Power Station site is a once in a generation opportunity to bring high-skill jobs to Rugeley and we need an ambitious, bold and visionary plan.

"It's an ideal site for high technology industries," she added.

"Any plans that see more warehouses and distribution centres built on the site would be a betrayal of future generations. We must not miss this opportunity and sell Rugeley short.

Old power station site attracts interest from 'many' sources

COUNCIL bosses say there have been 'many' proposals put forward to redevelop the Rugeley Power Station site.

And they have confirmed that they have spoken with consultants who wish to turn the site into a 'Silicon Valley'.

As reported in the Chronicle, its sister paper the Express & Star met with a third-party developer and viewed their alternative vision for the site.

Last month the district councils for Cannock Chase and Lichfield, which share planning authority for the land, launched a consultation on their broad proposals for the site – a minimum of 800 homes and a mix of commercial and industrial development. A spokeswoman for the Cannock Chase authority said: "Representatives from both councils have met with the developer on two separate occasions.

A consultation has been launched on the councils' proposals for the site

"There are many other companies and developers who have specific proposals for the site, and the public consultation is intended to take all matters into consideration before the planning policy document is formally approved by both councils.

"The joint proposals from Cannock Chase District Council and Lichfield District Council for the future use of the Rugeley Power Station site include housing, employment land, leisure facilities and power production/storage. The supplementary planning document setting out the detail has been issued for a six-week period of public consultation."

The 'Silicon Valley' developer has worked up a scheme which they say would create 1,800 homes and 4,500 jobs while bringing hi-tech employment that would realise the site's 'international importance'.

However, the prospective applicant labelled the councils' broad outline for the 374-acre site which would feature a mix of industrial and commercial development as 'short-sighted'.

Apprentices 'backbone of economy'

MORE than 100 successful apprentices from throughout Staffordshire celebrated with friends, family and employers at a graduation event.

The celebratory event, held at Staffordshire County Showground for a third consecutive year, was attended by apprentices who had achieved qualifications ranging from Level 3 to Level 6, equivalent to degree standard.

This year's graduates were told by David Frost, chairman of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), they would be the backbone of the region's increasingly successful economy.

He added: "This is an enormously successful area with a successful LEP which has helped to create 35,000 new jobs over the past five years.

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THEIR League One status means travelling is typically confined to the dubious charms of Scunthorpe, Swindon and Milton Keynes and the like.

But when the season is over, Walsall fans like to venture further afield – and wherever they go, so do their replica shirts.

To prove it, supporters took pictures of themselves on holiday in their Saddlers' strips in response to an online selfie competition run by the football club and its principal sponsor HomeServe Membership.

They were challenged to take selfies of themselves wearing the new 2017-18 home or away kits in creative locations. Winner Howard Russell, aged 57, posted an image of himself outside the United States Capitol Building in Washington DC whilst other fans sent selfies from around Europe including the UK.

Fan Brian Adshead is pictured beside the bronze statue of Real Madrid star Christiano Ronaldo in the player's hometown of Funchal, Madeira – tweeted with the cheeky caption 'Found a new player for #Saddlers.'

Runner-up, 12-year-old Alfie Taylor, travelled no further than the Banks's Stadium where he snapped himself in front of the Celebrating 125 Years sign. Eight-year-old Callum Cutting was the second runner-up.

Their prize was to meet favourite players Luke Leahy and Erhun Oztumer, and get their hands on the new all-white third kit from the Saddlers' technical kit supplier Errea at the club's recent open training session.

Mr Russell, from Lichfield, said: "We had a fantastic day and it was brilliant to meet some of the players.

Howard Russell, Charlie Cutting and Alfie Taylor with full-back Luke Leahy

Saddlers supporter Howard Russell's selfie in Washington DC

The new kit looks brilliant and I'm really proud to be the first to get the chance to wear it. Seeing the players in action today really did whet my appetite for the new season."

HomeServe Membership, which employs 1,700 people at its headquarters in Cable Drive, Walsall, and a further 1,500 around the UK, has supported the Saddlers since signing its first sponsorship deal in 2014. In May, the firm confirmed a new five-year sponsorship deal with the club which will run until the end of the 2021-22 season. The new third kit looks fantastic and we're delighted to be able to give three fans the chance to get hold of it before anyone else," said HomeServe Membership boss Greg Reed.

"It's also great to be able to give them a genuinely 'money can't buy' prize of meeting their favourite players. This just goes to show how strongly Walsall FC is rooted in its community. That's a big part of why we're proud of our association with the club. Our office is full of Saddlers fans who are all incredibly excited for the new season."

The Saddlers' marketing manager Daniel Clarke said: "We're delighted with how the kit looks."

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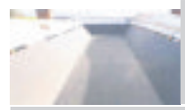
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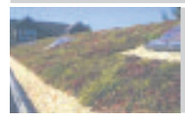
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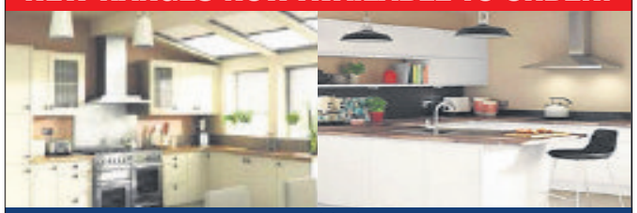

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'Outstanding' response to freight hub bid survey

A STAFFORDSHIRE MP has welcomed the 'outstanding' public response to a consultation over plans for a rail freight hub in Gailey.

Jeremy Lefroy wrote to all households in the South Staffordshire area asking that they complete the consultation form – and has praised their response in registering their thoughts on the plans.

Developer Kilbride wants to build the facility on nearly 700 acres of green belt land close to the junction of the A5, A449 and M6. They say the hub would create up to 8,500 jobs.

Nearly 6,000 letters were sent out by the Stafford MP ahead of an exhibition at Penkridge Parish Council's Haling Dene Centre which offered people a chance to see the plans.

He said: "The response from my constituents has been quite outstanding, for which I am very grateful.

"Although the developers describe the location as Four Ashes, two thirds of the land is in the Stafford constituency.

"The vitally important thing now is for everyone to make their views known to the developers.

"They will then have to forward those responses to the Planning Inspectorate which will hold a public inquiry when a formal application is made.

"I have kept lines of communications open with the developers because I think it is better to talk than not to talk.

"I have made it clear to Kilbride that this is the wrong location for an industrial facility the size of a small town – much larger than Penkridge village.

"It would destroy a square mile of green belt countryside.

"Almost everyone living in the South Staffordshire part of my constituency will be affected by the traffic implications of this development."

The developers say the plans will generate around £420 million in the local

School's pride in Lion show

Nala played by Grace Bradbury and Lillie-Mae Harris

Ann Eccleston as Timon and Chloe Sinclair as Pumbaa

A SCHOOL has hailed an end-of-term production of a Disney classic as a roaring success.

Key Stage Two pupils from Glenthorne Primary in Cheslyn Hay performed The Lion King, directed by deputy head Nicola Turner. Some 115 children took part from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

A spokesman for the Glenthorne Drive school said it was an ideal opportunity get involved in acting, dancing or singing, and also to work together as part of a larger group.

"Although not all roles were speaking parts, every child was given a part in the play," she said.

A dress rehearsal was followed by four shows for parents, and CDs were produced to give families a lasting reminder of the production. Sales of those, and show programmes, raised more than £400 towards new equipment for future productions.

Simba played by Natasha Harris and Kian Johnson

Date for by-elections

THREE by-elections are to be held in Cannock Chase next month.

In addition to a vacancy being declared in the Hednesford South ward, in the seat previously occupied by Joanne Christian, two further vacancies have arisen owing to the death of Graham Burnett.

Councillor Burnett was a district councillor for the Hednesford Green Heath ward and a county councillor for the Hednesford and Rawnsley electoral division.

All of the by-elections will be held on Thursday, September 7. Anyone interested in standing at these elections, can collect nomination packs from the district council's electoral services office or reception, on request.

Contact the electoral services team in advance on 01543 464754 or 464437 to advise of numbers required.

Nominations for all the elections will be received until today (Thursday) between the hours of 10am and 4pm at the Civic Offices. Nominations forms must be presented by hand. Contact the electoral services department to book an appointment.

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Daring mission on loch to save bouncing bombs

TWO wartime bombs have been recovered from a Scottish loch thanks to the help of a Staffordshire scuba diver.

Phil Grigg, from Cannock, was one of a group of divers to help recover the bouncing bombs at the bottom of Loch Striven in Argyll. It comes almost 75 years since they were tested by the Royal Navy for use against enemy ships in the Second World War.

The mission involved exploratory dives at depths of up to 50 metres.

The divers had to identify which of the 200 highballs were suitable for recovery, and secure them for lifting.

A British Sub-Aqua Club member, Mr Grigg played a vital role in the mission.

A highball being lifted from Loch Striven onto the Royal Navy boat

Divers spot a highball underwater using a powerful torch

Phil Grigg from Cannock, second right, with project leaders and other divers involved with the rescue expedition in Scotland

Display

Royal Navy divers attached specialist lifting equipment to the heavy metal bombs, which were then winched out of the water by members of the Royal Navy's Northern Diving Group, onto their workboat the Cato.

Now the aim is to donate the highballs to two museums so they can be put on display to the public in time for the 75th anniversary next year of the Dambusters raid. The 37-year-old, who works as an open water instructor, previously captured underwater footage of the highballs on a previous dive at Lock Striven in 2010.

He said: "We struggled to locate the highballs initially but when we did finally work out where they were laying, we found a few of them. I always hoped I'd go back one day."

The divers were assisted by private company Unique System UK, which provided an underwater scanner to gather sonar images of the highballs in the loch, towed by a workboat from fellow Scottish company Aspect Surveys.

The bombs, which are inactive, were secured by the divers ready for lifting by the Royal Navy and then winched to the surface before being packed ready for transport in wet tanks containing a special salt-water solution to prevent them from corroding.

The aim now is to donate one to the Brooklands Museum in Surrey, and another to the de Havilland Aircraft Museum in Hertfordshire.

The highballs were the naval or anti-ship version of the cylindrical-shaped bouncing bombs which were used by the Royal Air Force in the actual Dambusters raid in May 1943, both having been designed by Sir Barnes Wallis to bounce over the surface of the water.

However, it is archive footage of the highballs being tested at Loch Striven which feature in the 1955 film The Dam Busters, as footage of the actual bomb used by the RAF was top secret.

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Riders get into the Spirit as statue fund has £1.3k boost

YOUNGSTERS from a Burntwood riding school attended a cheque presentation to a fundraising project set up to create a statue at the National Memorial Arboretum.

By Simon Stone

In his year as chairman of Lichfield District Council, David Salter raised £1,303 for his chosen charity, Free Spirit. He was joined by riders from Hammerwich-based Gartmore Riding School to present the cheque.

Free Spirit is working to raise funds to create a life-sized bronze statue at the Arboretum that acknowledges the horse's unfaltering service to mankind.

Councillor Salter, who handed the cheque to Tracy Francis, from Free Spirit, said: "I was delighted to present the cheque.

"I know the money will help the Free Spirit team on their quest to create a beautiful and thought-provoking statue.

"I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to my chosen charity.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my year as chairman, and one of the privileges of the year was in raising money for this important charity."

Fundraising activities included holding a raffle, with prizes donated by The Co-operative Food, Ego, Swinfen Hall Hotel, Nether-stowe House, Arthur Price, Beacon Street Garage, Harvester, JCB, The Horse & Jockey, The Owl at Lichfield, The Lodge Restaurant, The Railway Inn, Whittington Health Golf Club, Morrisons, Tesco and others.

On receiving the contribution, Tracy Francissaid: "We'd like to thank Councillor Salter for choosing Free Spirit as his charity and for giving us this kind donation to help us in our mission of creating a lasting tribute to the horse.

"We are particularly grateful to the efforts made to support and raise the profile of the project."

To find out more about Free Spirit, or to make a donation to the charity, visit www.freespiritmemorial.co.uk

Councillor David Salter and riders from the Gartmore Riding School for his cheque presentation

Ideas plea on future of old college

PEOPLE are being asked for ideas for Burntwood's Old Mining College.

Built in 1912 by Staffordshire County Council as an educational facility to train mine workers in health and safety, it has been a centre hosting community activities and small businesses.

In 2015, the lease was transferred to Burntwood Town Council.

Now, councillors in the town are calling on residents to come up with ideas about the future of the premises.

The town council's Labour leader, Councillor Di Evans, said: "Rather than spending money here and there at the Old Mining College, we suggested that we should decide what the centre is for and to ask local people for their views."

Delight over sport classes

HUNDREDS of people of all ages took part in a variety of free classes and activities offered Lichfield District Council.

The authority's first Festival of Sport was held at Burntwood and Friary Grange leisure centres and a number of parks.

Cabinet member Councillor Iain Eadie said: "We're all really pleased so many people had a go. We hope it will encourage more people to book onto sport courses and classes."

Plans for business unit are unveiled

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

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42 Larkspur Avenue, Burntwood – retention of single-storey outbuilding in rear garden to form garden tiki hut.

57 Cannock Road, Burntwood – garage and loft conversion to form lounge and bedroom with en suite with dormer windows to front and rear.

Broomy Fields, Smithy Lane, Longdon – works to listed building to allow installation of conservation roof lights to south-facing roof, replacement porch to front, extension of rear boot room roof to form porch area, installation of replacement windows, one new window to rear elevation, one new window opening to end elevation, removal of one window to rear elevation. Reconfiguration of 20th Century stud walling internally.

Brambles, Shavers Lane, Upper Longdon – removal of ash tree.

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Anger over increase in fees for using M6 Toll

Francis helps 'revive' car

Francis Stokes, left, working under the bonnet of the Ford Capri

A RUGELEY man was part of a team that 'brought back to life' a Ford Capri motor racing festival.

Francis Stokes, aged 24, was the youngster member of the group of mechanics who worked on the car as part of the Silverstone Classic at the home of the British Grand Prix.

He was medically discharged from The Household Cavalry earlier this year, following an eight-year career with the British Army.

Recommended for the Restoration Live project by Mission Motorsport, a charity which helps in the rehabilitation of those affected by military operations, he is currently studying for an NVQ Level 3 in Light Vehicle Maintenance.

The Capri refurbishment came after eBay, the festival's official parts and accessories partner, challenged racing driver Fergus Walkinshaw to revive the vehicle. The 33-year-old car is now up for auction in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

INCREASED charges for motorists to use the M6 Toll have been criticised by an MP.

South Staffordshire Tory MP Gavin Williamson described the 40p rise to £5.90 as 'inflation busting' and said it was 'holding back' the local economy.

He said he will be writing to Midland Expressway Ltd, which operates the toll road. "This will discourage more people from using the M6 Toll at a time when we want to see more using it," Mr Williamson said.

"These charges are holding back growth in the local economy while the M6 struggles with roadworks and daily congestion.

"I will be writing to Midland Expressway to express my objection."

The weekday toll rise for cars, which came in this week, is the first in five years.

The 'local toll' where motorists exit at certain junctions will increase to £4.40.

Constant

Bosses say the increased fees are a 'partial catch-up' with inflation and interest over the period.

Prices for all other classes of vehicle and all night and weekend prices remain unchanged. The move comes weeks after the 27-mile motorway was bought by Australian investment giant IFM. It had been up for sale with a price tag of almost £2 billion.

"Prices have been held constant over the past five years to help customers recover from the economic downturn and manage through several years of significant roadworks and disruption on the M6," the company said.

Andy Pearson, chief executive of Midland Expressway, said: "We have always approached our pricing structure with very careful consideration to economic sensitivities and the impact on our customers and their businesses. This was part of the reason for holding tolls flat over the past five years. The new prices are effectively a partial catch-up with inflation."

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TOP: Winners from the first awards

MIDDLE: Ambassador of the Year Greg Hedges and Watchman V

RIGHT: Louis Johnson, took the title of Young Star

DO you know someone who deserves a Great Big Thank You? Is it about time they received recognition for all their hard work in a glittering ceremony attended by celebrities from across the region?

Perhaps it's the person you always turn to for advice in your community, someone who supports you and always goes the extra mile to help? Maybe they have helped your area to improve and flourish against the odds? Are they your community champion?

Maybe they are just someone who is known by everyone as being someone you can trust to do the best for you and where you live? Are they always giving up their time to help? Could they be crowned 'Volunteer of the Year'?

Or maybe you know someone who has done their utmost to promote their local roots, someone who encourages people to think more positively about the West Midlands and deserves to be crowned 'Ambassador of the Year'?

Strived

You may know someone special who, even though they're so young, has strived to achieve their goals in the last 12 months, working hard in their chosen hobby or sport to triumph against the adversity of an illness or long-term condition? Do you think they deserve the 'Young Star Award?'

There might be someone you know who happily gives up their time to raise funds for a cause close to their heart. Whether adult or child, this individual leads by example making an extra effort to support others who are less fortunate than themselves. Are they your Fundraiser of the Year?

Do you know a teacher who goes beyond the call of duty to do the very best for their students, or a learner who puts in the extra hours to achieve?

Is there someone who has worked tirelessly to change their life, despite obstacles stacked against them? Have they made their way through a difficult time in the last 12 months and made a fresh start? Could they win the 'Fresh Start Award'?

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Signal 107: Young Star Award
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Send your submission to:

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For details and to nominate online go to starthankyou.expressandstar.co.uk

If you have any questions please call the promotions team on 01902 319360

Closing date for entries is 12 noon, Monday, August 21, 2017. Proposers must be aged 18 or over. All nominees' contact information must be on an official nomination form, either in print (and signed by the proposer) or online. You should tell your nominee that you are putting their name forward. If the nominee is under the age of 16, then you must inform their parent/guardian, whose signature will be required for the print form or if nominating online, selecting the tick box on the electronic form to indicate you have done so. Employees and their immediate relatives of the MNA group of companies and campaign sponsors are not permitted to nominate in their own category. Nominees should be living or working in the Black Country/south Staffordshire, reflecting the Express & Star circulation area. If making more than one nomination, please use separate forms. All proposers and nominees must be prepared to take part in any relevant publicity including photographic and video coverage in print and online. Information (excluding contact details) on the person you are nominating will be used in-paper and online. The winner of each category will receive a prize tailored to them. There is no cash or prize alternative. If there is a voting tie in any category, a judging panel will choose the outright winner. The Editor's decision is final.

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Music festival halted by rain

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By Simon Stone

HEAVY rain has forced organisers of a popular music festival to postpone this weekend's event.

The Junction 13 Festival is returning to Lower Drayton Farm near Penkridge after a successful event last year. Organisers of the House and Techno music festival promised this year's would be 'bigger and better'.

However, the recent persistent rain has raised concerns about the state of the ground and organisers announced on social media that the event would be delayed until September 16.

"The safety of our guests, performers and crew is our primary concern and we have decided that the potential risk to our staff and guests is too severe for the event to go ahead at this time," said the Facebook post.

Surprises

"We sincerely regret the disappointment or disruption caused to the many individuals, this has not been an easy decision for us to make and we are truly heartbroken.

"We will have some surprises as well as a FREE after party for anyone that attends the festival!"

Anyone with tickets will have the option to get a refund or be able to use their it for the new date.

Spaced Music & Junction 13 are putting on the festival with some of the leading DJs in house and techno music, themed stages, street food vendors and other attractions.

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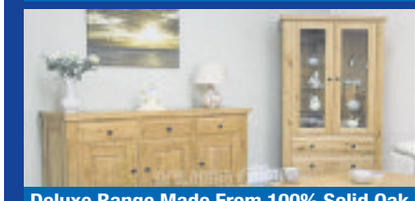
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Number of firms under pressure is soaring

THERE has been the biggest increase in UK companies suffering financial distress in three years, a new report has revealed.

Across the Black Country the number of firms under pressure has soared by around 25 per cent over the last year, according to the Red Flag report from insolvency experts Begbies Traynor.

Nationwide, the number of companies experiencing 'significant financial distress' by the end of June had soared to almost 330,000.

This was the highest number of businesses in significant distress for at least five years. Property and construction firms were the worst hit as the UK property market slowed down, while small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) made up most of those in distress.

Ric Traynor, executive chairman of Begbies Traynor, said: "Our Red Flag research shows that a recent loss of momentum in the economy is putting increased financial pressure on UK businesses, with SMEs bearing the brunt of this rising distress, as businesses contend with uncertainty over Brexit negotiations and an inconclusive election result, alongside rising costs.

In Wolverhampton the report found 1,021 companies in significant distress, up 27 per cent on a year ago. The worst-hit area was Dudley, where the numbers had soared by 34 per cent to 322.

Across Staffordshire the number in significant distress rose by 25 per cent to 4,338. In West Bromwich it was up 25 per cent, to 169. In Walsall it was up 18 per cent to 629.

In Birmingham 4,924 businesses faced some level of financial distress in the second three months compared to 3,952 in the same period 12 months ago.

By Simon Penfold

Stars rally round to help young Tommy

Tommy Brown with a signed picture of his favourite player James Morrison

ALBION players past and present have helped encourage generous Baggies to raise thousands of pounds for a five-year-old boy's prosthetic limbs.

And now Tommy Brown, from Walsall, is set to be rewarded with a day to remember at The Hawthorns. When he was five months old Tommy had to have his legs, arm and fingers amputated after contracting meningitis.

The youngster's family is now trying to raise money for a new set of prosthetic legs, and their plight encouraged season ticket holder Debbie Green to set up a fundraising night at the Pearl Banqueting Suite in West Bromwich.

FA Cup winning captain Graham Williams, 1960s star Micky Fudge, former striker 'Super' Bob Taylor and ex-midfield favourite Andy Johnson all attended. "The night was brilliant," Debbie said. The evening raised just over £6,000, bringing the total closer towards the £20,000 needed for Tommy's new prosthetics. To donate to Tommy's official page, visit https://www.gofundme.com/qpj3as

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Customers baffled by bowling alley closure

Open days recruitment bid

The firm's Scott Ward, left, talking to potential employees

A CHESLYN HAY manufacturing company threw open its doors in a bid to recruit new staff.

PP Control & Automation, which has seen sales rise to £20 million this year, hosted its first career open days to give individuals considering a career in industry the chance to see what opportunities there are to progress in the sector.

School leavers, people looking to change professions or those wanting to get back into manufacturing attended one of the two-hour slots that included a guided tour of the firm's 40,000 sq ft facility in Landywood Green.

The open days were attended by 25 people – 80 per cent of them under 25 – from a wide range of backgrounds.

PP Control & Automation, which has three vacancies for apprenticeships in September, has recently completed a £1m extension as part of expansion plans that will see it grow from £20m to £40m by the year 2020.

A BOWLING alley has shut its doors without warning, leaving customers mystified.

MFA Bowl, on the Old Hall Industrial Estate in Bloxwich, suddenly shut its doors last week.

It is thought between 10 and 15 people have lost their jobs. Although the operator has not clarified the situation Peter Gwilt, who has run a league at the Revival Street venue for 25 years, confirmed it has closed.

The 63-year-old from Bloxwich said: "It is the end of an era. It has been a big thing up there, I have probably generated £150,000 a year for the place. Now it has all gone kaput."

Mr Gwilt ran the Facepunch Studios Thursday Doubles League which had 11 teams and around 30 players in total – although at its peak it had around 100 people. He claimed machinery would regularly break down and was desperately in need of investment.

Disconnected

He added that it had also been hit by two break-ins in recent weeks with the burglars smashing up the gaming machines. Mr Gwilt said: "MFA took it over five years ago. My Sunday league folded because the lanes kept breaking down."

A snooker hall and the Q Lounge function suite were also based on the site and now closed down.

The bowling alley is not available to book on MFA's website, with the dedicated web page for the Bloxwich venue having been taken down and the phone line has seemingly been disconnected.

A spokesman at MFA's head office said he had 'no information about that site', while the MFA Bowl Bloxwich Facebook page has twice declined to respond to the paper's messages.

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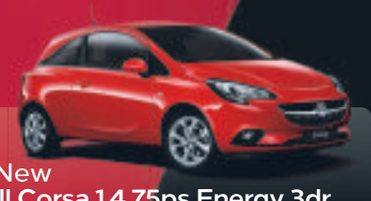

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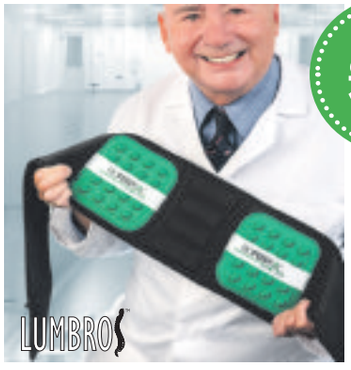

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After working so hard to establish herself on Strictly Come Dancing, leaving was the hardest thing. Natalie Lowe said a fond farewell earlier this year, following her partnership with Olympic long jump champion Greg Rutherford, after seven happy series.

She'd also featured on Dancing With The Stars, in her native Australia, and knew it was time to go.

The muscular blonde dancer says: "I spoke to a very good friend of mine about wanting to leave the show. I really felt like this was the year that I had to make the difficult decision of leaving.

"My friend asked me what I wanted to do and I told him there were lots of exciting things in the future that I wanted to tackle."

Decision made, she set about working out her future. She planned to put her feet up for a few months then focus on a show she was producing at the end of the year. Her friend wasn't so sure.

"He had an idea. He was producing a show that he wanted me to be involved in. I said absolutely not. I told him that I was 99.9 per cent sure it would be a no. But he was persuasive and said the show, Rip It Up, was based in the 1950s. He'd seen a version and wanted to include dance in it.

"At first, I was sure I wouldn't do it but by the end of the conversation I was sure I would. I love that era and that music. I am a massive Elvis Presley fan. My mum and dad used to talk about going to dance nights on a Friday nights and leaving their house open and their car door open. It was a different world. I thought this would be the only chance that I could relive the era that I'm so fond of."

Before she knew it, Natalie had signed on the dotted line and agreed to star alongside Strictly Come Dancing champions Louis Smith MBE and Jay McGuiness in Rip It Up.

Rip It Up promises to bring the fabulous soundtrack of the 1950's to life in an explosion of song and dance that will see Natalie, Jay and Louis swing, bop, jitterbug, lindy hop, jive and ballroom their way through the greatest songs from the greatest decade of music; from romantic ballads and crooner classics to many of the era's defining pop and rock'n'roll hits.

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She was drawn to the production by the chance to work with Louis and Jay.

"Louis is already a good friend, after winning the show with Flavia. And Jay did that amazing dance with Aliona. So I thought the three of us would be an amazing combination.

"I love being on tour and the fact that we go to London Palladium is great. The whole show will be epic and amazing and full-on. There's lots of jives and full-on dances."

Natalie has spent much of her life on the road. She was with a touring show for five years, dancing around the world. "It never really ended. That was our job, day in and day out. We would do it for eight months of the year and I loved it. So if I can survive that, I can do anything.

"Taking two months out of my life to do something that I love with a passion is a privilege. I'm so excited to be dancing – I'm definitely not hanging the towel up."

Moving on so quickly and starring in theatres throughout autumn means she won't have time to miss Strictly. "It'll soften the blow. If I wasn't working, I'd be there in front of the TV with the Kleenex, weeping.

"But I think you can get too safe, too samey in your world. Something inside me wants to do more, and not just dance. I've been wanting to start up my own company for about 10 years. I've got other interests outside of dance. I'm not going to go and start playing baseball. But I want to develop new projects and be creative.

"I loved Strictly. It's the most amazing show in the whole wide world. But now I need to start challenging myself as a choreographer, director, producer – I need to start bringing shows to life without necessarily being in them."

Keep dancing – Natalie stars with Louis Smith and Jay McGuiness

Natalie says the reaction from the public is one of the most exciting experiences of Strictly – though she seldom realised how popular the show was until the end of each series. While filming was taking place, she was too busy working to notice.

"You live, breathe, sleep and dance Strictly. You are up from August until the end of the year. In August, it's a whole month of professional routines to get the show looking as amazing as possible. Then we have three weeks with our celebrity after the launch. So we've done two-and-a-half months before it comes to life.

"Then we're dancing with our partners six to 10 hours a day. We'll come home, research music or have to do a solo performance. On average, I'd work a 14-16-hour day. I lived on four to six hours sleep per night during Strictly. You have to and you need to if you want to do well. That's the sacrifice you have to make. You have to come up with ideas and storyboards. You have to think about lighting, costume, music and what feels right. Then you have to teach a celebrity. Then there's interviews. But the public – you don't realise how much they are loving you. It's just home, studio, BBC, studio, home."

"It's been the most amazing, educational journey of my whole, entire career. We start really good friends and always bump into each other.

She remains in touch with the guys she danced with and believes they're all incredible in different ways.

"But it's time to move on." It's time to Rip It Up.

● Natalie brings her new show to Birmingham Symphony Hall on September 19; Aston Hall in Wrexham on September 21; and Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury on September 22. Tickets still on sale

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Picket line with Shane, played by Ash Matthews

Brassed Off – but the Grand is anything but

FOR the first time in almost 40 years, the Grand Theatre will produce a full-scale production in house. And it is proving an exciting time for the Wolverhampton theatre.

Jeffrey Holland will play ex-miner and veteran conductor of Grimley Band, Danny in Brassed Off, from Wednesday August 23-Saturday, September 2.

Other casting includes Christopher Connel who will play Phil, Miriam Grace Edwards as Sandra, Ash Matthews as Shane, Clara Darcy as Gloria and Eddy Massarella will play Andy.

They will be joined by local actors Tim Jones as Harry, Greg Yates as Jim, Susie Wilcox as Vera and Donna Heaslip as Rita. Sharing the role of Craig will be Henry Hart, Samuel Allen Cooper and Alexander Hogg. Sharing the role of Melody will be Lydia Hart, Mollie Cotterill and Catherine Richmond-Maud.

Grand Theatre Press & PR Manager Scott Bird said, "Meeting our cast for the first time was a very special moment. We're all working towards a new chapter in Grand Theatre history.

"The opportunity to produce our own drama production and have incredibly talented local actors and band members working with well-respected professional actors will no doubt create something very unique."

Jeffrey Holland (Danny) is probably best known for his portrayal of Spike in BBC TV's Hi-De-Hi, the stuffy footman 'James Twelvetrees' in all four series of the hugely successful You Rang M'Lord? and more recently as Mr Cecil Parkin the stationmaster in Oh, Dr. Beeching! Born in Walsall Jeffrey trained in Birmingham and began his career with four and a half years in repertory at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry where he eventually finished up as leading character man. His theatre work is extensive and includes seasons at the Chichester Festival Theatre and Edinburgh Festival.

With the band – Jeffrey Holland as Danny

Brassed Off is written by Paul Allen, adapted from the screenplay by Mark Herman. It's 1994; and Danny's lifelong ambition to lead Grimley Colliery Band to the National Brass Band Competition at the Royal Albert Hall looks like it might finally happen. But as Grimley pit faces closure, the future looks bleak as the town is thrown into conflict.

Miriam Grace Edwards who plays Sandra

HOPE

Flugelhorn player Gloria arrives in town bringing with her a renewed sense of hope and a touch of romance, but no-one knows who she's really playing for...

Brassed Off is produced by Wolverhampton Grand Theatre in association with talking Scarlet. It will be directed by Gareth Tudor Price, formerly Artistic Director of Hull Truck Theatre. Set and costume design is by John Brooking. Lighting design for the production is by Anthony Aston.

The first drama to be produced by the theatre will feature a community cast who will appear in a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles alongside high-profile professional actors.

There will also be a full brass band who will form an integral part of the production.

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SATURDAY'S TV AUGUST 12

CHOICE

Nadia Emam

Performance Live - Flood: To The Sea
(BBC2, 10pm)
A chance to see a performance of the ground-breaking drama To the Sea, the third instalment of James Phillips' epic four-part multimedia narrative Flood, which explores what might happen if England was destroyed by a global flood. Serving as a post-apocalyptic re-imagining of the flood myth found in Judeo-Christian scripture. Tonight's third installment asks a simple question: what if the masses of refugees, frequently seen on news broadcasts fleeing scenes of devastation, had English accents?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the morning session on day nine at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the men's and women's 4x100m heats. Coverage continues on BBC2. **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the ninth and penultimate evening at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, where Mo Farah and Usain Bolt are set to make their final track appearances in the 5,000m and 4x100m finals respectively, hoping to add another gold each to their incredible medal tallies. The decathlon also concludes with the javelin and 1500m, and finals take place in the women's high jump, 100m hurdles and 4x100m, and men's javelin.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents action from the opening round of Premier League fixtures, including Watford v Liverpool, Chelsea v Burnley and Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester City. Liverpool defeated the Hornets 1-0 in last season's corresponding fixture thanks to Emre Can's Match of the Day Goal of the Season-winner and will have expected another tough encounter. Meanwhile, Chelsea will have expected to get their title-defence off to a winning start and newly promoted Brighton faced a difficult task against Pep Guardiola's expensively assembled side.

12.00 Film: Buried. (2010) An American truck driver working in Iraq is kidnapped by guerrillas, who seal him in a wooden box and bury it in the desert. Discovering his cell phone has been left in the box with him, he uses this fragile link to the outside world to try to get help – but his supply of air is running low and even he does not know where he is. Thriller, starring Ryan Reynolds. **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Film: Escapade in Japan. (1957) **8.00 Film:** Little Women. (1949) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** World Athletics Championships 2017. Further coverage of the opening session on day nine. **12.30** Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen. (R) **1.30** James Stewart: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.20 Film:** The Philadelphia Story. (1940) Romantic comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. **4.10** Only Connect. (R) **4.40** Gardeners' World. (R) **5.40** The Sweet Makers: A Georgian Treat. (R)

6.40 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks. New series. Iolo Williams explores Great Orme Country Park in Llandudno.

7.10 Proms Extra. As the Proms season crosses its halfway point, Katie Derham turns her attention to the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, which performed Thomas Ades' Polaris as part of Prom 28 last weekend. She also revisits yesterday's Prom 35, in which conductor John Wilson led his own ensemble in a rendition of Oklahoma!, by Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rodgers. Plus, David Owen Norris returns with Chord of the Week.

7.50 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring is determined that all his men should be well-shod and have battle-worthy feet, so he starts a regimen involving lengthy route marches. (R)

8.20 Film: Alice in Wonderland. (2010) A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical land, having forgotten her previous adventures. She finds the tyrannical Red Queen has begun a reign of terror that can only be ended by slaying the monstrous Jabberwocky – a task she is seemingly destined to attempt. Tim Burton's fantasy adventure based on Lewis Carroll's novels, starring Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway.

10.00 Performance Live – Flood: To the Sea.

10.30 Golf: USPGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents live coverage of the closing stages of day three at the fourth and final Major of the year, held at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.

12.15 Film: The Way. (2010) **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Home Game. (R) **10.20** Gok's Lunchbox. (R) **11.20** 1000 Heartbeats. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Catchphrase. (R) **1.10** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.10 Film:** Uncle Buck. (1989) Family comedy, starring John Candy. **5.00** Little Big Shots USA.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.05 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 You've Been Framed! Finest. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a mustard-swallowing challenge that backfires and a teenager who finds a cockroach in his dinner. (R)

7.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

8.00 Joanna Lumley – Elvis and Me. The actress goes on a personal journey to discover more about Elvis, travelling to his birthplace and meeting Priscilla Presley to gain an insight into the man behind the myth. (R)

9.00 The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song. A countdown of the King's 20 greatest hits, from Heartbreak Hotel to Hound Dog, It's Now or Never to Jailhouse Rock, as voted for by the British public. The programme, narrated by Zoe Ball, features archive footage and home movies, and contributions by different generations of stars who have been influenced by him, including Michael Buble, Cliff Richard, Cerys Matthews and Engelbert Humperdinck. (R)

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Tomorrow Never Dies. (1997) James Bond battles to stop a media mogul's plan to start a war between Britain and China. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan.

1.00 Jackpot247.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Adventure and Trail Running: UK Challenge. **6.40** Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.05** British GT Championship. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **12.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.20** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands investigate Merseyside's coastal archaeology. They explore a beach full of rubble from the Second World War and discover evidence of people and animals dating back for 7000 years. (R)

8.00 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood. The TV presenter continues his comprehensive exploration of the bombastic side of Hollywood, this time turning his attention to musical numbers that have elevated the popularity of their respective films. Over the years, Tinseltown musicals have touched on a wide variety of cinematic genres, from the family-friendly fantasies to urban dance and even more macabre territory via The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Here, Paul revisits Mary Poppins' tongue-twisting Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Pinball Wizard from Tommy, and a variety of numbers from Fame and Flashdance. He also sheds light on how Disney animation studios are keeping the musical genre alive, with blockbuster hits such as Frozen, which came complete with its own Oscar-winning girl-power anthem Let It Go. Includes contributions by Jonathan Ross, Celine Dion, Maureen Lipman and more. The concluding part can be seen on More4 tomorrow at 9pm.

9.00 Film: Red 2. (2013) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren and John Malkovich.

11.15 Film: Let's Be Cops. (2014) Premiere. Comedy, starring Jake Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr.

1.10 Eden: Paradise Lost. (R) **2.05** The Last Leg. (R) **3.00** Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.50** Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.45** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **3.45** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.40** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.35 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A Devon woman spends a night in the cells after a dispute with a neighbour who happens to be a policeman, while a York man gets an unexpected soaking after an argument. (R)

7.30 The Adele Story. Documentary charting the remarkable career trajectory of Adele Adkins, the pop and soul singer who rose from humble beginnings in Tottenham to become one of the biggest stars of the modern music industry. Now popular enough to warrant going by her forename only, Adele's interest in music was encouraged by her mother from an early age. Winning a place at the Brit School in Croydon, Adele first shot into the public eye when her friend uploaded a demo to MySpace in 2006, and by the time she graduated, the singer had already secured a record deal. What followed were three hugely successful albums, 19, 21 and 25, each of which surpassed the last in terms of critical acclaim and sales figures. Adele also scored an Oscar in 2013 for her song Skyfall, which featured as the theme of the James Bond film of the same name. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield Wednesday v Queens Park Rangers, Leeds United v Preston North End and Hull City v Burton Albion.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Blackburn Rovers v Doncaster Rovers and Plymouth Argyle v Charlton Athletic.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. orders.

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Cat 8. (R) **4.40** Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.40** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.40** How Quizzing Got Cool: TV's Brains of Britain **1.40** How to Make a Number One Record **2.40** Britain's Treasure Islands **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.30 Take Me Out **12.55** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold Yearbook **2.25 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **4.15 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **5.55 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **8.00 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **10.45** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **12.45 Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50 Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **2.45** Emma Willis: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.55 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00 Film:** Carry On Cruising (1962) **1.50** Wycliffe **3.00** Lewis **4.55** Housewife, 49 **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** Rising Damp **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights **12.00** Storage Wars **12.30** ITV Racing Live. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ascot, Haydock Park and Newmarket. **4.30 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.10** World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina **6.30** Storage Wars **7.00** World Series of Darts: Auckland **11.00 Film:** Lock Up (1989) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Lock Up (1989) **1.15** Ironside

E4

11.35 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.35** How I Met Your Mother **1.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.50 Film:** Night at the Museum (2006) **10.00 Film:** The Host (2013) **12.25** Gogglebox **2.20** Rude Tube **3.15** Tattoo Fixers **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Courage Mountain (1990) **1.00** Dr Dolittle (1998) **2.40** Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) **4.20** Dr Dolittle 3 (2006) **6.10** Robin Hood (2010) **9.00** Riddick (2013) **11.20** Zombieland (2009) **1.00** Wake in Fright (1971) **3.15** Close

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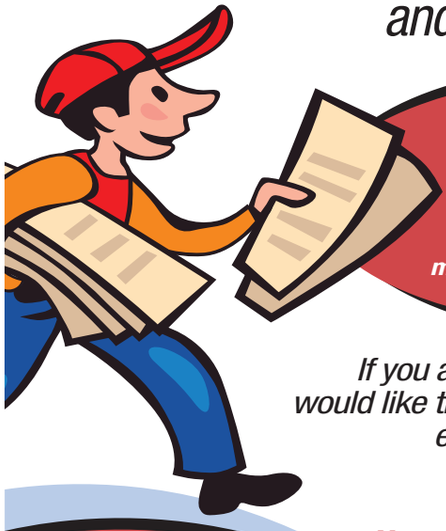

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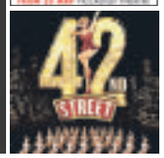

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SUNDAY'S TV AUGUST 13

CHOICE

Pål Sverre Valheim Hagen

Valkyrien
(BBC2, 10pm)
New series. Norwegian drama about a surgeon who refuses to accept that his terminally ill wife cannot be saved, and takes matters into his own hands. With the aid of an unhinged former patient, he turns a disused bunker underneath an underground station into his own illegal clinic where he can treat his comatose wife himself. However, his search for an elusive cure requires money, so he resorts to treating people who cannot seek medical help through official channels, from refugees to criminal gangs. In Norwegian. Full series available online.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Super Small Animals. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Countryfile. Anita Rani and Sean Fletcher present an episode exploring Dartmoor. Anita takes a trip along a trail that connects local artists and crafts people, meeting a blacksmith and learning to spin wool using traditional methods, while Sean investigates how unwanted Dartmoor pony foals that would normally be culled at birth can instead be used in therapy for people with learning difficulties.

7.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate the complex and controversial stories surrounding the origins of supposedly valuable works of art. (R)

8.00 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the 10th and concluding evening at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, featuring the finals of four more events. Asbel Kibrop and Caster Semenya will be among the favourites in the respective men's 1500m and women's 800m finals, before attention switches to the men's and women's 4x400m relays, both of which Great Britain will be hopeful of winning medals in should they be involved. With commentary by Steve Cram, Brendan Foster, Andrew Cotter and Steve Backley, and analysis from Michael Johnson, Denise Lewis and Colin Jackson.

10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2.
11.30 Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics. An insight into the career of the broadcaster and former athlete, who won gold as a long distance runner at the European Championships and Commonwealth Games in the 1970s. (R)
12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.05** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.50** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Nadiya's British Food Adventure. (R) **11.45** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** World Athletics Championships 2017. Coverage of day 10. **4.30** Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. (R) **5.30** Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge. (R)

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the 10th and concluding evening at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Great Britain's Robbie Grabarz and Laura Muir will hope to be involved in the respective high jump and 5,000m finals, and medals are also decided in the women's discus. With commentary by Steve Cram, Brendan Foster, Andrew Cotter and Steve Backley, and analysis from Michael Johnson, Denise Lewis and Colin Jackson. Coverage continues on BBC1.

8.00 Secrets of Silicon Valley. Part two of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates the impact of technology on democracy, revealing how aspects of social media designed to benefit the advertising industry by gathering personal data about users can be used to influence voters and spread misinformation. Featuring contributions from a key insider on Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

9.00 North Korea: Murder in the Family. Documentary examining the murder of the North Korean dictator's half-brother Kim Jong-nam at Kuala Lumpur airport. The programme examines the activities of North Korean secret agents at the airport on the day of the killing, and reports on a powerful international business network that has allowed the Kim dynasty to remain in power for nearly 70 years.

10.00 Golf: USPGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents live coverage of the closing stages of day four at the fourth and final Major of the year, held at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. Live coverage begins on the interactive service at 7.00pm.
12.15 Film: The Body. (2012) **2.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Ninjago: Rebooted. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.25** Long Lost Family. (R) **11.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **1.00** Rebound. (R) **2.00** Women's Rugby World Cup 2017. England v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.45** Bear Grylls Survival School. (R) **5.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R)
6.10 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Melanie Sykes, Heather Small, Andrew Castle and Graeme Le Saux pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1. (2010) The dark lord Voldemort rises to ultimate power over the magical world, so the teenage wizard and his friends set out on a mission to find the magical horcruxes – artefacts containing parts of the evil wizard's soul that hold the key to destroying him. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.
10.35 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder examines the UK's biggest ever drugs bust and a robbery in a small Kent town in which £53million was stolen. Last in the series. (R)
11.35 Take Me Out. An account manager from Leeds, a housing executive from Belfast, a professional BMX rider from Portsmouth and an IT manager from Exeter try to impress 30 women and win a date. (R)
12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **6.15** Last Man Standing. **6.40** Last Man Standing. **7.05** Last Man Standing. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30 Film:** Volcano. (1997) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **4.35** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **5.35** Homes by the Med.
6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Film: Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb. (2014) Premiere. Nightwatchman Larry notices that the living exhibits of his museum are behaving strangely. He discovers that the magical artefact that brings them to life is damaged, so he and his friends travel to London's Natural History Museum to find a way to restore it. Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller, Rebel Wilson and Robin Williams in his final film role.

9.00 Valkyrien. New series. Norwegian drama about a surgeon who refuses to accept that his terminally ill wife cannot be saved, and takes matters into his own hands. With the aid of an unhinged former patient, he turns a disused bunker underneath an underground station into his own illegal clinic where he can treat his comatose wife himself. However, his search for an elusive cure requires money, so he resorts to treating people who cannot seek medical help through official channels, from refugees to criminal gangs. In Norwegian. Full series available online.

10.00 Gogglebox: The Best Bits. The best and funniest moments from the recent series, including armchair TV reviews of Culinary Genius, Britain's Got Talent, Line of Duty and Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R)
11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Regular team captain Sean Lock and guest captain Sarah Millican are joined by Roisin Conaty and Rhod Gilbert, while David O'Doherty presides in Dictionary Corner. (R)
12.05 Film: Ouija. (2014) **1.35** 60 Days in Jail. (R) **2.30** Gillette World Sport. **2.55** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.20** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Floogals. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R)
11.55 Film: Haunted Honeymoon. (1986) **1.30** Make You Laugh Out Loud. **2.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **3.00** Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **4.00** Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **5.00** Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R)

6.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos, including cats playing musical instruments, dressed in costumes and riding on vacuum cleaners. Narrated by Iain Lee, with commentary by Susan Calman. (R)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In east London, High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.05 Autopsy: Cory Monteith. The death of the Glee star.
11.05 Film: The Boy Next Door. (2008) A novelist becomes the prime suspect when her next door neighbour is murdered, so decides to investigate the case herself. Thriller, with Dina Meyer and Woody Jeffreys.
12.40 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Cat 8. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2017 **9.20** John Denver at Wembley Arena **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster **11.15** Return to Betjemanland **12.15** The Man Who Fought the Planners: The Story of Ian Nairn **1.15** Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison – The Condemned **2.35** How Quizzing Got Cool: TV's Brains of Britain **3.35** Close

ITV2
11.50 Ninja Warrior UK **12.50** Mr Bean **1.55** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.25 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **4.20 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **6.15 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **8.00 Film:** Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10 Film:** Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) **10.20** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **1.15** The Cleveland Show **2.10** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.35 The Darling Buds of May **12.40** Heidi **2.55** Wycliffe **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **2.00** Lewis **3.40** Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round seven from Knockhill. **6.15** Hat-Trick Heroes **6.30** Storage Wars **7.00** World Series of Darts: Auckland **11.00 Film:** American History X (1998) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** American History X (1998) **1.25** BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights **2.30** Tommy Cooper **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.05 Film:** Escape from Planet Earth (2013) **1.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** Kevin Can Wait **2.30** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Beautiful Creatures (2013) **10.25** Don't Tell the Bride **11.30** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.35** Body Fixers **1.40** Gogglebox **2.25** Rude Tube **3.45** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) **1.00** Picture Perfect (1997) **3.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **4.40** Shrek (2001) **6.25** The Way Back (2010) **9.00** The Heat (2013) **11.20** Vertigo (1958) **1.55** Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Heart of the Country, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The wife of a Wall Street stockbroker finds her glamorous existence brought crashing to a halt when her husband is imprisoned for fraud. Forced to return to rural North Carolina where she grew up, she attempts to make peace with her estranged father and deal with unresolved issues surrounding the death of her mother. Drama, starring Jana Kramer and Gerald McRaney. (2013)

TUESDAY
I Didn't Kill My Sister, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Heather works as an assistant to her news presenter sister Carmen but never seems to get a break of her own. Nevertheless she is there to pick up the pieces when the more successful sibling's marriage breaks down – only to be accused of murder when Carmen is found dead. Thriller, starring Nicholle Tom, Gina Holden and Chris William Martin. (2015)

The Client, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
Baby Sellers, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The owner of an adoption agency maintains a respectable reputation, while secretly the children she provides to desperate clients are obtained by illegal means. A customs agent develops suspicions about the criminal network behind the trade in kidnapped infants and tries to expose the scandal. Crime drama, starring Jennifer Finnigan and Kirstie Alley. (2013)

THURSDAY
After All These Years, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman learns her husband intends to leave her for another woman shortly before their wedding anniversary. She goes on the run after becoming a suspect when he is found murdered, intending to identify the real killer with the aid of her friends and an old flame. Mystery, starring Wendie Malick and Gregory Harrison. (2013)

FRIDAY
The Client, BBC1, 11.05pm
A boy with information about a politician's disappearance hires a lawyer to protect him from the Mafia. Courtroom thriller, starring Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro. (1994)

Celebrities hope to serve up a tasty treat in new series

The BBC may have lost The Great British Bake Off to Channel 4, but it clearly hasn't lost its appetite for cooking competitions.

This week alone sees the launch of The Big Family Cooking Showdown on BBC2 and a new series of Celebrity MasterChef. And it's clear that the nation's famous faces also still love a culinary contest, as an impressive number of them have signed up to have their dishes judged by John Torode and Gregg Wallace.

Among the stars lined up to compete are Olympic swimmer Rebecca Adlington, Citizen Khan actor and comedian Abdullah Afzal and Gogglebox's woman of the cloth, the Rev Kate Bottley.

There's also singer and actress Patti Boulaye, Coronation Street and Gimme, Gimme, Gimme actor Brian Bovell, and Outnumbered's Tyger Drew-Honey, who is now all grown up and able to make his own tea.

Future weeks will see appearances from opera singer Lesley Garrett, Radio 1 presenter Dev Griffin, Blue Peter co-host Barney Harwood and Union J pop star Jaymi Hensley, as well as TV personality Ulrika Jonsson, radio and TV journalist Aasmah Mir, Harry Potter actor Nick Moran and S Club 7 veteran Rachel Stevens. There's also radio presenter Debbie McGee, a name many viewers of a certain age still can't hear without mentally adding 'the lovely' to it.

It's a decent line up, as BBC commissioning editor Carla-Maria Lawson confirms: "Celebrity MasterChef is an astonishing test of culinary ability from people who are not recognised for their talents in the kitchen. Every year we are blown away by celebrity's gastronomic prowess and this year doesn't disappoint.

"The line-up is one of the strongest we have ever seen and we hope it will entertain and tantalise viewers in equal measure."

However, there's a name in the first episode that some viewers may struggle to recognise – Jim Moir. You'll definitely know the face though, as he's the comedian and actor better known as Vic Reeves.

He's joined in the first episode by TV presenter Angellica Bell, seven-time snooker world champion Stephen Hendry, presenter Julia Somerville and French tennis legend Henri Leconte.

Their first challenge is the Mystery Box, as they are given a variety of ingredients, including lamb loin, goats cheese, butternut squash and rhubarb, and challenged to create one dish from scratch in just an hour.

Once that's over with, the celebrities are split into two groups for their first experience of cooking in a professional kitchen for paying customers. The men head to Aster, which is heavily influenced by Nordic and French cuisine, while Angellica and Julia are sent to Temper. But can they keep up a united front as they try to keep on top of the orders?

Finally for this episode, the celebs return to MasterChef HQ to prepare a two-course menu of their own design in just one hour.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Celebrity MasterChef, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Child Genius
Channel 4, 8pm
Richard Osman returns with the competition to find the nation's brightest child, with 20 of the country's cleverest eight to 12-year-olds – and their parents – battling it out for the title. Broadcast over six consecutive evenings, the contest opens with the demanding Spelling and complex Linguistic Memory rounds – testing the participants on their recall of the Latin and Greek-derived scientific names of 60 fruit and vegetables, with three kids having to leave the tournament after these two challenges.

TUESDAY
Quacks
BBC2, 10pm
It's over a year since the BBC announced that filming would be starting on Quacks, a sitcom set in the medical world of the 1840s. Will it prove to be worth the wait? Well, let's hope so. The six-part series focuses on a group of doctors whose profession is in its infancy - they are as likely to kill their patients as they are to cure them, and they experimented on each other as well as themselves. What's more, operating theatres were just that – open to all who wanted to watch the often flamboyant surgeons at work as they tried out potentially revolutionary, not to mention gory, procedures. Mathew Baynton heads the cast as a fledgling psychiatrist. Others involved include Rory Kinnear (as an arrogant surgeon), and Lydia Leonard as a headstrong social campaigner. Rupert Everett has been lined up to guest star.

WEDNESDAY
Saving Lives at Sea
BBC2, 8pm
New series. The story of the volunteer lifeboat crews and lifeguards of the RNLI who rescue thousands of people and save hundreds of lives around our coastline and on the River Thames every year. In the first episode, a father and daughter find themselves treading water for almost an hour hundreds of metres out at sea, and three fishermen swim for their lives as their trawler is smashed onto rocks in Ireland. Elsewhere in London, an unlucky tourist is minutes from hypothermia after falling into the Thames.

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 8pm
Lulu has always wanted to get to the bottom of a family mystery. She knows that her mother, the middle child of seven, was the only one to be given up by her birth parents and raised by another family. But she has no idea why. Travelling home to Glasgow, she uncovers the real-life Romeo and Juliet story of her Catholic grandfather and Protestant grandmother's love affair across the city's strict sectarian divide. But as she digs deeper, she discovers dark secrets that force her to reassess her mum's story.

Child Genius, Monday, Channel 4, 8pm

FRIDAY
Mastermind
BBC2, 8pm
One of the highlights of last Christmas was watching Hacker T Dog steal the show in Celebrity Mastermind's black chair as he answered a series of head-scratching questions. As series 15 of the regular run continues, it's only humans allowed as question master John Humphrys continues his quest to find the 2017 champion. Previous specialist subjects have included flags of the world and the colour films of Danny Kaye, but as regular viewers know only too well, an impressive round in the first half can be undone if the player's general knowledge is weak. Let's hope the latest brave contestants are good all-rounders as Humphrys starts and finishes another gripping show.

8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
Channel 4, 9pm
In the history of British TV, it's almost unheard of that two mashed up panel games work so well that the hybrid becomes more popular than the original. Of course that's just what happened with Jimmy Carr's 8 Out of 10 Cats, which as we all know took cosy afternoon show Countdown and injected its own brand of post-watershed mayhem into the proceedings. Now it's back for a new run, and while Sean Lock is off doing other things, Alan Carr steps in as guest captain, alongside Kevin Bridges. They'll be taking on series regular Jon Richardson and his team mate Cariad Lloyd. Joining lexicographer Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner is Elis James and John Robins, while maths wiz Rachel Riley looks after the numbers and letters as usual.

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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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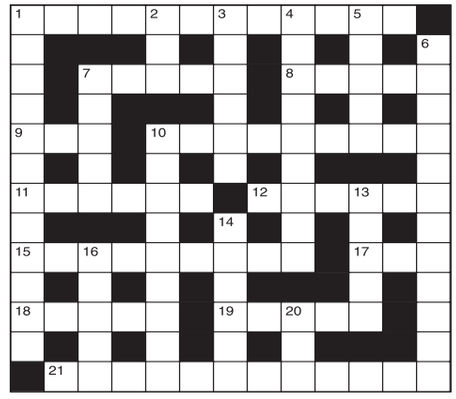
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It's dated even before use in the office (4,8)
7. Prepared to explode - or not to explode (5)
8. Got us to play zest (5)
9. Manage a chicken enclosure (3)
10. Well, no one wants it! (9)
11. Stops, we hear, for spells of recreation (6)
12. Temporarily stop work (3,3)
15. A roundabout way to come in (9)
17. Runner in a vigorous kind of winter sport (3)
18. Famous lover who had capital and nothing more (5)
19. The listener gets two points and wins (5)
21. Greek caterin' is a form of extortion! (12)

Down

1. Marketing agents for car engine components (12)
2. A company's plant (3)
3. Firemen will use it, though it may ruin the hose (6)
4. Right name for a bad dream (9)
5. Possibly lies under a part of the church (5)
6. Existing expenditure (4,2,6)
7. Pale chap a thief may turn to (5)
10. Shopkeepers must - shoplifters do (4,5)
13. Well-equipped place for caravans en route (5)
14. Straightforward form of credit (6)
16. Dance from Burma (5)
20. The French way to feel regret (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Remembrance (12)
7. Defraud (5)
8. Backbone (5)
9. Vegetable (3)
10. Short pistol (9)
11. Zest (6)
12. Lax (6)
15. Slowcoaches (9)
17. Purpose (3)
18. Senior (5)
19. Boundary (5)
21. Festivities (12)

Down

1. Convalescence (12)
2. Fib (3)
3. Whole (6)
4. Irritability (9)
5. Due (5)
6. Light meal (12)
7. Creep (5)
10. Conversation (9)
13. Unfit (5)
14. Stableman (6)
16. Crest (5)
20. Rug (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Escorts; 8 Loaded; 9 Oratory; 10 Ticked; 11 Ice-cap; 12 Opposing; 18 Set about; 20 Cannot; 21 Ailing; 22 Recount; 23 Charge; 24 Stamped. Down: 1 Elation; 2 Madcaps; 3 Levels; 5 Straight; 6 Outset; 7 Tartan; 13 Instance; 14 Topiary; 15 Stagger; 16 Latent; 17 Inform; 19 Alight.
QUICK - Across: 4 Acolyte; 8 Inured; 9 Uncanny; 10 Raisin; 11 Relief; 12 Fracture; 18 Heedless; 20 Apiece; 21 Inside; 22 Believe; 23 Desist; 24 Fragile. Down: 1 Midriff; 2 Musical; 3 Depict; 5 Concrete; 6 Liable; 7 Tender; 13 Upheaval; 14 Deficit; 15 Aspects; 16 Appear; 17 Seeing; 19 Dinner.

Quiz

1. The Ural Mountains form part of the boundary between which two continents?
2. What type of creature is a sand hopper?
3. In which soap did Herman's Hermits' Peter Noone briefly appear?
4. Which US author's debut novel was The Naked and the Dead?
5. Which actor was the father of Sarah Siddons?
6. What do we call the extinct African volcano Kirinyaga?
7. To whom was Alastair Campbell Press Secretary until 2000?
8. What nationality was dancer Dame Ninette de Valois?
9. Which city was at the centre of the 1995 Japanese earthquake?
10. Who designed Marble Arch?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Pacific; 2 Monkey; 3 Jainism; 4 Switzerland; 5 Australia; 6 Cavy; 7 Truro; 8 Parsnip; 9 Richard Gordon; 10 Precious metals and gems.

Niner: SOLEMNITY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7394 gives a Biblical character,
85821 gives a Biblical character,
176294 gives a Jewish prophet.

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Take my advice – its' time to unwind

HAVE a facial once a month and get help in the house. Those were the words of wisdom given to TV presenter Anne Robinson by her mother when she got married.

Now maybe the Weakest Link ice queen has taken her facial work to another level, but as pieces of advice go her mother had it pretty much bang on.

With our busy lives, at work and at play, we all need to take a little time out every now and again for a bit of pampering and tranquility. And what better therapy is there for a weary body and soul than a day of relaxation, calm and rejuvenating beauty treatments at a spa. Especially if you go with a friend or family member for some real quality time.

Virtually on our doorstep here is the Telford Hotel & Golf Resort nestling in 170 acres of Shropshire countryside with panoramic views of the Ironbridge Gorge.

Take time out to enjoy Telford Hotel Spa

Just lie back, close your eyes and relax – bliss!

RENOVATED

The recently renovated health club has an incredible indoor swimming pool with an abundance of beds, including the heavenly- heated loungers, a sauna and a steam room, six spa treatment rooms and a serene relaxation room.

Guests can stay in the hotel for a nice spa break or there are very reasonable spa day packages offered.

I opted for a sneaky away day and this included use of all the facilities – even the gym if you are so inclined – use of robes, slippers and towels, and what was said to be a 'light lunch' but in fact included soup, a choice of wraps, salad and a dessert options. I highly recommend the lemon cheesecake.

You can enjoy all of this for just £39 a person – a small price to pay for the health benefits it brings and a day well spent. Though while enjoying the facilities most guests want to experience a treatment or two to really ease those muscles, refresh the skin and maybe glam up a little. We tried out the new ESPA Personalised Express Facial. Any facial is a bit of self indulgence but this really does feel like some luxury pampering – and it is tailored just for you.

The beauty therapist first uses a SkinVision lamp which, though I had to have my eyes closed, seems to pass a blue light over your face to detect your real skin type and any problem areas. Then the therapist can use the various creams and ointments that best suit you.

My skin was confirmed as combination skin and she showed me where there were areas of dryness and 'congestion' – I think this meant blackheads!

Armed with this information I underwent a thorough cleanse, tone, moisturising and a soothing face mask. This was made all the more relaxing as it was accompanied by a head and shoulders massage.

Lying in a semi-comatose state in the darkened room, tranquil music playing in the background, and with my constricted muscles turning to jelly, the thought passed through my mind that life really does not get any better than this. And 55 minutes later it seemed to have done the trick – when I left the treatment room my skin felt softer and a little more 'elasticky', not the usual dry and taut complexion of a tired, working mother.

One of the spa packages is the Little Slice of Heaven which includes all of the facilities and lunch but also four 25-minute treatments such as a nail file and polish, facial, pedicure and back, neck and shoulder massage.

With all this on offer at such good value surely we can all think about a once-a-month lift. Good advice indeed.

DIANE DAVIES

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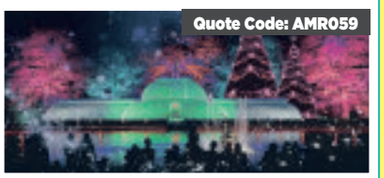

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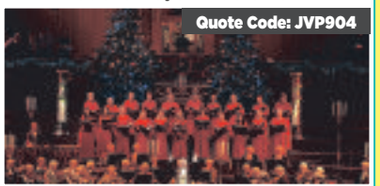

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Superb new build home is expected to sell quickly

A superb new build individually designed contemporary residence, 95 Cannock Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock, is not expected to be available to buy for long.

Having flexible living space over three floors, including an open plan breakfast kitchen with the "wow factor", it is for sale through JR Properties at £384,950 with no chain.

In more detail, to the ground floor it has an entrance hall with laminate flooring and a Velux window, a guest cloakroom/WC, utility room, study/bedroom five, the breakfast kitchen with a resin sink, a built-in double electric oven, induction hob with extractor hood over and integrated dishwasher and microwave, laminate flooring and bi-folding doors to the rear garden.

Balcony

The first floor has a laundry room, bedroom one with en-suite and bedroom two also en-suite.

On the second floor is a family bathroom, and bedrooms three and four which has French doors leading out to a balcony overlooking the rear garden.

The front of the property being accessed via wrought iron gates and having a block paved driveway providing parking for several vehicles.

The rear garden has a block paved patio with sleeper step leading down to a shaped lawn with mature and well stocked borders and a further paved seating area.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this property.

JR Properties was established in 2011 by its director James Richards in his home town of Rugeley.

James has a wealth of experience in estate agency and property developing and has been in the industry for more years than he cares to remember!

HEATH HAYES £384,950

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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Well-presented two-bedroomed property on sale with no chain

WEDGES MILLS
£160,000 >>>

A well presented two-bedroomed semi-detached house, 36 Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £160,000 with no chain.

With triple glazed windows to the front and sound proofed wall in the centre of the home, this well planned out house is in move in condition.

Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, downstairs WC/utility and a handy storage cupboard to the ground floor with the two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. The home has a gravelled driveway to the front for off road parking for multiple vehicles with access to the grassed rear garden that comes with a shed.

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Property ideal for first time buyer or investment landlord

HEATH HAYES
£139,950

An ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investment landlord, 52 Mill Crescent in Heath Hayes, Cannock, is an end mews house with two bedrooms in a popular cul-de-sac.

Being convenient for access to local facilities and amenities, this property is bordered by mature trees.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £139,950.

This property is in an appealing modern design.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered entrance porch, a reception hall, a good sized lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

It comes with gardens and off road parking to the front, by way of a driveway.

The property is warmed by electric heating and all the windows are double glazed.

In more detail the lounge has sliding patio doors opening out to the rear garden's patio area. The room is carpeted and has a feature fireplace.

The bathroom has a coloured suite and the property is decorated throughout in neutral shades.

The selling agents are expecting a lot of interest to be shown in the sale of this property, which is ideal as either a first time buy, family home or for those wishing to downsize.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, contact the selling agents, Boot & Son, at their local branch office, on 01543 505454 or visit their website, www.bootandson.co.uk

The selling agents will be more than happy to help interested parties.

Attractive semi-detached has delightful enclosed garden

This attractive modern semi-detached home in Shire Close, Cannock is for sale through Chase Independent at £189,950.

It has an entrance hall, a lounge, impressive kitchen/diner, a guest WC, three bedrooms, a re-fitted en-suite, a family bathroom with a P-shaped bath, a delightful rear garden and a driveway.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring and stairs off. The

CANNOCK £189,950

lounge has laminate flooring.

The kitchen/diner has a range of base and wall mounted units with preparation work surface over, a gas six-ring hob, extractor over, an electric oven, integral microwave, integral fridge freezer, integral dishwasher, integral washing machine, tiled flooring and ceiling spot lighting, plus French doors to rear garden.

Outside, there is a delightful fully enclosed rear garden with artificial lawn, flower and shrub display borders with a variety of apple and plum trees, a garden shed and a paved patio area.

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PROPERTY

Immaculately presented family home located in a quiet area is available to rent unfurnished

An immaculately presented family home in a quiet location in Woodford Way, Heath Hayes, Cannock, has recently become available to rent unfurnished.

Recently added to their list of available properties, it can be let through Marwood Homes at £650 per calender month.

It is close to all local amenities including schools, shops and transport links.

HEATH HAYES
£650 PCM

With double glazing and gas central heating, briefly, its accommodation comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge with a gas fire, a modern fully fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and a utility area, two double bedrooms, a master with built-in wardrobes, a family bathroom with a shower over the bath, gas central heating and double glazing.

There is a garden to the rear with a patio and shed and a driveway to the fore leading to the garage.with access into the house.

For further information about the property, or to book that all important viewing, contact the agents Marwood Homes by calling 01543 500700.

Well-presented modern detached on a popular residential development near to transport links

This very well presented modern detached house in Deavall Way, Cannock, is for sale through butters john bee at £224,950.

The property is situated on a popular residential development close to amenities and transport links.

In brief the accommodation consists of an entrance hall, a spacious lounge/diner, a modern fitted kitchen, a utility room, a guest WC, a conservatory, a master bedroom with an en-suite, two further bedrooms and a luxury bathroom.

CANNOCK
£224,950

Outside the house has a double width driveway, a landscaped enclosed garden and a store room which was previously the garage.

The selling agents are expecting a lot of interest to be shown in the sale of this home.

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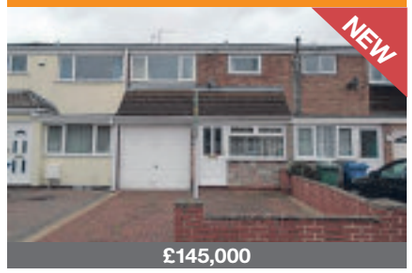

£145,000

• Three Bedrooms • Mid Terraced House
• Open Plan Lounge Diner • Garage & Driveway
• Rear Garden • EPC = D

Wood Lane Wedges Mills

£310,000

• Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Extended Lounger Diner
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Hollingworth Mews Cannock

£137,500

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• Rear Garden • EPC = B

Wolverhampton Road Wedges Mills

£160,000

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached House • Downstairs WC
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• Rear Garden with Shed that has Power & Lighting • EPC = F

Stafford Street Heath Hayes

£200,000

• Three Bedroom Detached House • Extended Kitchen Breakfast Room
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• Driveway & Garage • EPC = D

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£177,500

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• Driveway to the Front • EPC =D

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Lounge	EPC D

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Large Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

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End Terrace Property	Lounge
Three Bedrooms	Allocated Parking
Kitchen	EPC C

Curlew Hil, Cannock

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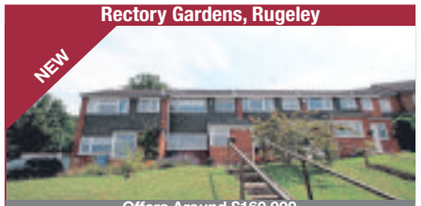

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Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Bath Road, Cannock

Offers Around £160,000

Semi Detached Property	Extension to Rear
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Detached Property	Lounge
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Kitchen	EPC C

Forge Close, Churchbridge

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Semi Detached Property	Popular Location
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Side Garage	Awaiting EPC

Norton East Road, Cannock

NEW

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Semi Detached Property	Utility
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Lounge	EPC D

Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley

REDUCED

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Detached Property	Rear Garden
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Lounge	EPC D

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- Parking
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- NO DSS / PETS

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- Two Receptions
- Kitchen
- GCH DG, Driveway
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS / PETS

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HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/Pets

£550 pcm

CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK

DSS CONSIDERED

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating D

£595 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Duplex
- Lounge/kitchen
- GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS / PETS

£595 Pcm

KIELDER CLOSE HEATH HAYES

NEW

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Driveway
- Rating E
- NO DSS / PETS

£695 pcm

SCHOOL LANE, CHASE TERRACE

LET

- Two Bed Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Driveway,

£650 pcm

PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

FULLY RENOVATED

- 3 Bed Semi
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Garage
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS / PETS

£750 pcm

PHEASANT WAY, HEATH HAYES

NEWLY REFURBISHED

- Three Bed Mid
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge, G/WC
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£780 pcm

WHITETHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- En-suite, GCH
- DG, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£780 pcm

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

NEWLY REFURBISHED

- 3 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen, GCH
- DG, Bathroom
- Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

CANNOCK ROAD,HEATH HAYES

NEWLY REFURBISHED

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- GCH, DG
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£725 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & WC
- GCH DG, Drive
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Modern Well Presented Coach House Apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom
- Parking, No Upward Chain

£95,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

OIEO £110,000

WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Side Entrance/Utility Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£129,950

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

NO CHAIN

- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightul Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

OIRO £135,000

CHARLEMONTE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NEW

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- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway
- Garage in Seperate Block

£135,000

STEVENS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- An Extended Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Family Room
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£149,950

PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

NEW

SOLD S.T.C

- A Well Presented Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Lounge●Kitchen/Diner
- Sun Room, Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway & Driveway

£169,950

GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, GUest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Shower Rooms
- Private Tiered Rear Garden
- Driveway

£175,000

THISTLE DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

NEW

- A Beautifully Presented Three Storey Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Second Floor Master Bedroom with En-Suite

£180,000

ASH CLOSE, NORTON CANES

NEW

- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Porch, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Guest WC, Lounge
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway and Landscaped Gardens

£189,950

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

£189,950

MARSHWOOD CLOSE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Spacious Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot with potential to extend subject to planning
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Modernisation Needed, NO

OIRO £210,000

MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE

NEW

- An Extremely Well Presented Modern Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Spacious Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens

£215,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom

£240,000

KEYS CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Reception Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway

£259,950

DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Family Dining Room, Guest WC
- Utility Room, Impressive Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Side Reception, Study/ Bedroom Five
- Four Bedrooms, Fitted En-Suite & Family Bathroom

£275,000

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
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Trtaditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Part Double Glazed
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens & Driveway Parking
- Single Car Garage & Outside W.C

£163,000

Gorse Road, Brereton

A Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens Front & Rear

£112,000

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Semi-detached House

- Double Glazed with Gas Central Heating
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Orangery
- Downstairs Bathroom, Family Bathroom & En-Suite
- Parking on Large Driveway and Garage

£249,950

Bilberry Close, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom End Link Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Attached Garage and Driveway
- Garden to Rear

£179,950

Hardy Avenue, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- UPVC & Double Glazed
- Breakfast Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Loft Room
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking For Several Vehicles

£120,000

Green Lane, Rugeley

Refurbished 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- NEW Kitchen & NEW Bathroom
- Ground Floor WC
- UPVC Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Large Detached Garage
- Paved Front Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden

£124,950

Avonlea Gardens, Rugeley

A 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow

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- Front & Rear Gardens
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£525 PCM

Sheep Fair, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Integrated Kitchen Appliances
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Gated Parking

£650 PCM

Sherringham Drive, Rugeley

Three Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Ground Floor WC
- Integral Garage
- Fully Enclosed Rear Gardens and Drive-way to Front

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PROPERTY

Thoughtfully designed two-bedroomed retirement apartment has balcony and enjoys far-reaching views

This well presented two-bedroomed retirement apartment with a balcony in Vine Court, Bridgtown, is for sale through Paul Carr at £95,000 for a 75 per cent share.

Part of a thoughtfully designed complex, this has a wide range of communal facilities and 24-hour care on hand.

There are far-reaching views from the apartment.

A wide array of communal facilities

BRIDGTOWN
£95,000

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Contact Paul Carr on 01922 701001 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

Extended family property located in popular area close to all amenities, shops and schools

This outstanding extended family home in Field Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, is generously proportioned throughout.

It is for sale through Webbs at £219,950.

A highly appealing property, it lies in a popular location, close to all local amenities, shops and schools.

Its accommodation briefly

BLOXWICH
£219,950

comprises an entrance porch, a generous hallway, a lounge, a sitting room, a kitchen, a dining/family room and a bathroom.

To the first floor there are three double bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. Externally there is a generous driveway, a garage and gardens.

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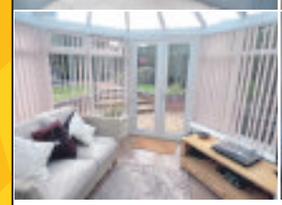
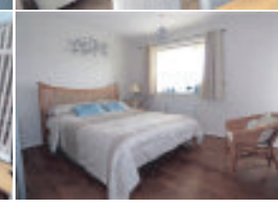
4 2 1 EPC TBA £255,000

Heath Hayes Deavall Way

NEW





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3 1 2 EPC TBA £224,950

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2 1 1 EPC D £120,000

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Penkridge Pillaton Close

NEW

3 1 1 EPC TBA £210,000

Cheslyn Hay Low Street

NEW

3 1 1 EPC TBA £189,995

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NEW

3 2 1 EPC E £129,995

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208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£285,000 FREEHOLD

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroo,
- Lounge
- Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage and landscaped garden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating B (83)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

52 MILL CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES

END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING TWO BEDROOMSLocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Access to Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

1 WOODSTOCK DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Dining room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (65)

£196,950 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

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- Entrance lobby and reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Communal grounds
- Allocated parking in secure parking area
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (74)

£78,000

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Vestibule
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- Five bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£385,000 FREEHOLD

51 MANOR AVENUE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Side entrance lobby & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Off road parking and well stocked garden
- Predominatly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (56)

£279,950 FREEHOLD

KINGSMEAD, FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE

SPACIOUS EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING SUPERB GARDENS Located On A Much Sought After Area Convenient For The Picturesque Village Centre and Local Facilities

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom & refitted separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Superb mature gardens
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- EPC rating D (67)

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- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Situated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£775pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rainy: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Side verandah
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£695pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

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- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTLocated In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

6 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (75)

£645pcm (Plus Service Charge)

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

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- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds & parking
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Secure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESHILL

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

Marwood Homes

Sales Lettings Commercial Surveys

Lupin Drive, Huntington
- Modern Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation
- Immaculately Presented
- Double Glazing

£41,000

Woodford End, Chadsmoor
- Modern Style Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Buy To Let Investment
- Ground Floor
- Communal Parking
- EPC - C

£59,950

Barnard Way, Cannock
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Tenant in, Paying £500
- Private Garden

£87,500

Riverside Court, Cannock
- IMMACULATE APARTMENT
- UNDERCOVER PARKING
- TWO BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- STUNNING KITCHEN N
- PRIVATE BALCONY F

£120,000

Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor
- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Guest WC/Utility
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved

£155,000

Bath Road, Cannock
- Three Bedrooms
- Corner Plot Position
- Wet Room & Bathroom
- Stunning Modern Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Rear Garden

£160,000

Heath Gap Road, Cannock
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented

£176,950

Hednesford Road, Norton Canes
- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

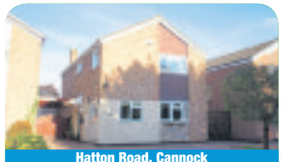
£179,950

New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace
- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage

£189,950

Rowan Close, Huntington
- Four Bed Detached Home
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge & Conservatory
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Garage & Downstairs WC
- Low Maintenace Rear Garden

£210,000



Hatton Road, Cannock
- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location

£249,950

Old Penkridge Road, Cannock
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain

£455,000

NEW BUILDS Chapel Court, Chasetown
- Seven Beatifully Designed Homes
- HELT TO BUY AVAILABLE
- Two 2 Bed Semi Detached
- A 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- A 3 Bed Detached with Garage
- A 3 Bed Townhouse with Garage
- A 3 Bed Terrace Home
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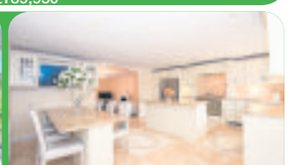

Bideford Way, Cannock
- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000

South Close, Cannock
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge / Diner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Garage and carport
- Corner Plot
- Close to town centre
- No Chain

£250,000

Hollow Lane, Rugeley
- Detached Bugalow
- Six Bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Four en-suites
- Double garage
- Extensive gardens to the rear
- Village Location
- No Chain

£650,000

Price Street, Cannock
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Establish Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms

Offers Over £110,000

Primrose Meadow, Heath Hayes
- Corner Plot Feature
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed

£137,500

Foxtail Way, Wimblebury
- Modern Town House
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Dressing Area
- Garden & Garage
- SOLD WITHIN 4 DAYS

£175,000

Teddesley Way, Huntington
- Three Bed Detached
- Corner Plot in Cul-de-sac
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Coverted Garage
- Lounge/Diner
- No Chain Involved

£175,000

Pebblemill Close, Cannock
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Close To Cannock Town
- No Upward Chain
- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area
- Spacious Living Room
- Gas Central Heating System

£200,000

Meriden Close, Cannock
- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage

£255,000

Woottons Court, Cannock
- Second floor apartment
- Kitchen with cooker & hob
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Allocated parking
- Available soon

£450pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Balfour House, High Green
- One bed apartments available
- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
- Double bedrooms
- Shower rooms
- Town centre location
- Call now to book a viewings

Prices From £525pcm

Sandpiper Close, Hednesford
- Semi detached home
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Kitchen with dining area
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Available now.

£550pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Woodford Way, Heath Hayes
- Semi detached family home
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Driveway & Garage
- Available Sept 2017

£650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Lichfield Road, Walsall Road
- Terrace house
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Garden and parking
- Available soon

£650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

The Courtyard, Walsall Wood
- Semi detached property
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Two parking spaces

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

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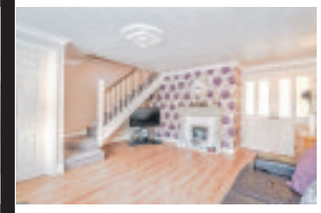
CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Through Hallway,
- Guest WC,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen and Utility Room.
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom.
- Private Driveway,
- Garage
- Landscaped Gardens.

£265,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
COPPERKINS ROAD

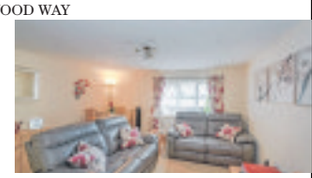


- Entrance Porch,
- Lounge
- Extended Refitted Kitchen Diner,
- Garage with utility area
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room,
- Landing with Built in Wardrobe
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking, Garage Driveway.

£185,000

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
EARLSWOOD WAY

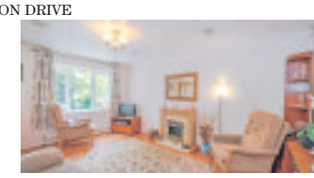


- First Floor Apartment
- Garden and Parking
- Entrance,
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room.

£125,000

NEW

HUNTINGTON
PILLATON DRIVE



- Hallway
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

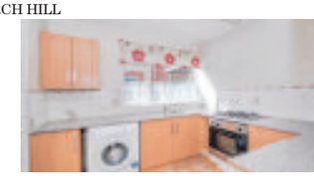
offers in excess of £150,000

GREAT WYRLEY
FAIROAKS DRIVE

- Entrance Porch,
- Hallway,
- Dining Room
- Lounge. Conservatory.
- Three Bedrooms,
- En-suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom.
- Rear Garden

£194,950

HEDNESFORD
CHURCH HILL



- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Motivated Seller
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£159,995

NEW

HEATH HAYES
SWEETBRIAR WAY

- Executive Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room, Study
- P Shaped Conservatory
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen and Utility
- Guest WC
- Four Double Bedroom
- Dressing Room and En-suite Bathroom

£340,000

NEW

MIDDLEHILL BARNS
SHARESHILL

- Stunning Barn Conversion
- Views of open fields
- Spacious Kitchen/ Family Room
- Lounge Diner
- Guest W.C., Laundry Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Four Piece Bathroom
- Garage
- Viewing is essential

£345,000

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Plovers Rise, Rugeley £285,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow with Detached double Garage and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage and Enclosed Garden to rear.

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley £240,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and within walking distance to the town. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage with Outside w.c and Gardens to front and rear.

Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill £425,000

● JR Properties Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this well presented detached family home, having superb views of Etchinghill and located in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room,Lounge, Fitted Kitchen ,Utility, Conservatory, Inner Hall to Bathroom and Four Bedrooms. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage and good sized Gardens to all sides of the property.""MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE""

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Talbot Road, Brereton £159,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, close to local amenities.Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens

Oakleigh Drive, Brereton £149,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom split level house, offering flexible living for a family. Having Snug/Bedroom Three, Bedroom Two with En Suite Shower Room, Landing to Bedroom One and Bathroom. Downstairs to Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear

Old Road, Armitage £164,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom cottage, with open views to Trent and Mersey Canal. Accommodation having Lounge, Dining Room and Refitted Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Garden to rear with off road parking

Watkiss Drive, Rugeley £144,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a cul de sac location,close to local amenities.Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Carport and Garden to rear

Cambrian Lane, Rugeley £130,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, situated close to local amenities. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with Detached Garage with parking

The Beeches, Rugeley £199,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended detached family home, situated in a cul de sac location.Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking with Garage

Levett Grange, Rugeley £254,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached family home, located on a sought after development. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room and Family Kitchen. Master Bedroom with En Suite,Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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Charnwood Close, Etching — £164,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Lounge, Conservatory and Fitted Kitchen. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Vicars Croft, Rugeley — £249,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a sought after location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms

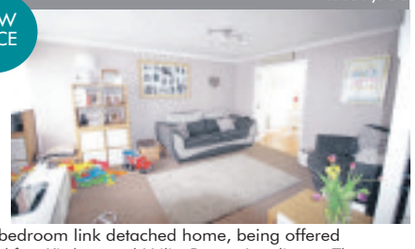
Waverley Gardens, Etching — £169,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and in the sought after location of Etchinghill. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear,with open aspect.

Sycamore House, Colton — £799,950

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this unique detached property situated on a mature garden plot finished and presented to an unrivalled standard. Sycamore House was built by the present occupiers and combines a bespoke and contemporary interior with a traditional looking facade set on a secluded plot within

Highland Way, Rugeley — £159,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom link detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Three bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

Woodheyes Lawns, Etching Hill — £139,995

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated in a sought after location,close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Carport and Gardens to front and rear.

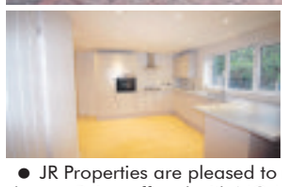
Thorn Close, Rugeley — £229,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home,situated in a cul de sac WITH NO CHAIN. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom,Bedroom Four, Dining Room, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Driveway and Garden

Jeffrey Close, Rugeley — £136,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Close to local amenities and having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking and Gardens to front and rear

Briar Close, Etching Hill — £209,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this refurbished three bedroom link detached family home. Being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Study, Inner Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear.

The Lindens, Rugeley — £185,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom,three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

Walnut Court, Brereton — £164,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location on a sought after estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

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£89,950

GLOVERS HILL COURT
BRERETON

A modern two bedroomed ground floor apartment being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed throughout. Communal Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and communal gardens. EPC RATING - C

£99,950

LANGLEY WAY
HAWKSYARD

A two bedroomed first floor apartment on the popular Hawksyard Estate Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen, Two good sized Bedrooms and Bathroom. Having one allocated and one visitor parking space and Open views to the rear. EPC Rating C.

£102,500

LOVETT COURT
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed mid-terraced property benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Enclosed rear parking. EPC Rating C

£109,995

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

A well presented and upgraded mid-terraced property within walking distance to the Town Centre and Rugeley Town Railway Station. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Inner Lobby and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Two Double Bedrooms. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - D

£115,000

HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid terraced property located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£119,995

KELLY AVENUE
BRERETON

A three bedroomed mid-terraced property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Downstairs WC, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front with driveway. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating C

£120,000

ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY

A delightful mid-terraced property ideally positioned for the town centre and local amenities. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Lounge, Dining Kitchen, rear Lean-to. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Shower Room plus Attic Room. Off-road parking to rear for two vehicles and garden area. EPC rating D

£125,000

HISLOP ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern detached bungalow benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Low maintenance garden to rear. Gated driveway to rear. EPC Rating C

£139,950

CRABTREE AVENUE
HAWKSYARD

Positioned on this modern development is this well presented Two Bedroomed townhouse benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Enclosed Garden to rear. Double-width driveway to front. EPC Rating B

£145,000

BUSH DRIVE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed semi-detached family home located within the popular Chancel Catchment area. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, L' shaped Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Study Area, Dowstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking with SINGLE GARAGE. Enclosed garden area to rear. EPC rating TBC

£180,000

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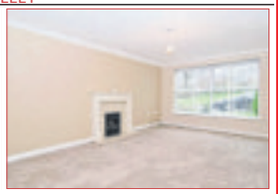

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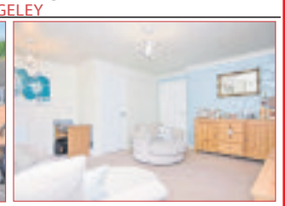

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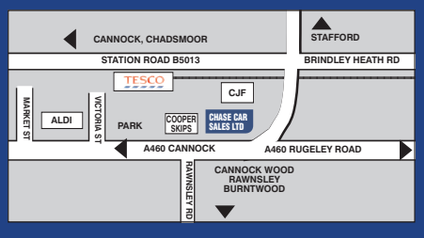

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Good supermini won't break bank

By John Griffiths

Out on the streets you'll soon be spotting a familiar face – but don't be fooled.

SEAT's new supermini is clearly an Ibiza but this is no midlife makeover. It's a completely new car. While it in some ways shares the familiar outline of its predecessor, the new car's more edgy styling in fact owes a lot to its big brother, the Leon.

Plus it's on the brand new MBQ-Ao platform (the first car in the VW Audi Group to benefit from this radical step forward), and it will be built alongside the Audi A1.

While it is slightly shorter on the outside, inside it's considerably bigger than the outgoing model because it's wheelbase has been stretched, benefitting ride and handling but also adding 35mm extra legroom in the rear, taking it to the top of the class.

Plus there's a generous for the class 355 litres of boot space, if you opt for the version with a tyre repair kit and electric inflator instead of a full-size spare wheel.

There is a range of petrol-only engines offering power outputs from 75 to 115PS all with lively performance and economy of around the 50mpg mark. There's no diesel option, but with SEAT's history of creating sporty models you won't be surprised that a 1.5TSI (another new VW Group engine) is coming soon in the 150PS Evo version.

Prices start from £13,130 for the entry level S model, but SEAT expects the best seller to be the better equipped SE, from £14,000 to £14,595 according to engine choice.

At the top of the range the tree splits in to two branches – the sportily themed FR and the luxury Xcellence, the flagship topping out at £17,310.

Bearing in mind equipment levels, interior space and new levels of refinement the new Ibiza poses a serious, value for money challenge to some of its big rivals like the Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa.

Not that the Ibiza has been slow out of the showrooms: it's played a major part in SEAT's 30 per cent increase in sales over the past four years, making the Spanish company one of the fastest growing brands in the UK.

The three 'standard' engines are all based on the (fairly) new 1.0 litre, three cylinder turbocharged petrol unit, which has already impressed on the larger, heavier VW Golf.

Similar engines seem to be taking over the small car sector and, if you've tried one, that won't be a surprise. It isn't just the horsepower they produce (compared to normally aspirated units), it's the extra, hefty levels of torque thanks to turbocharging which means livelier performance at relatively low revs.

Then, as you get towards motorway cruising speeds it's the ability to keep up with the flow of traffic at lower revs, lower noise levels and greatly increased refinement. It feels like a non-turbo engine of 1600 or even 1800cc in a quality midrange family car.

Most manufacturers have now realised the benefits of what are incredibly efficient little engines, capable of lively performance, increased economy and low CO2 levels.

The chosen test car was an SE version with the middle (95ps) engine, which at £14,595 is likely to be one of the biggest-selling new Ibizas. For the record, it's 0 to 62mph sprint time is a quick 10.9 seconds while its official fuel average is 60.1mpg, with a low 106g/km of CO2 and an affordable group 5E insurance rating.

That's signicantly quicker, yet more economical, than the 75PS non-turbo power plant in the basic model. But of course the figures don't tell the whole story: it's that more relaxed and refined driving experience which gives the car a grown-up feel. The 175Nm of torque at just 1,500rpm – for the sake of comparison that's nearly double the pulling power of a conventional one litre car from the same group, and a much lower revs, too.

As well as more leg room, the new Ibiza is 87mm wider than it's predecessor which, together with the extra legroom, makes the back rather more comfortable for three passengers (although the centre 'seat' is rather firmer and narrower than the outer two).

Inside, the cabin has taken a big step forward with improved design, higher quality materials and additional instruments and equipment. The centre console is dominated by a five-inch touchscreen multi media system (with remote controls duplicated on the steering wheel). The car also comes with aircon, Bluetooth, a full safety package including multiple airbags, ABS, tyre pressure monitoring, stability programme, emergency brake assist and hill hold assist, LED lights, front fog lights with cornering function, electric front windows, trip computer and 15-inch alloy wheels.

Higher up the range, the FR and Xcellence benefit from multiple driving modes (from eco to sport), electrically folding mirrors and upgraded upholstery and trim. The FR also has sports suspension.

The SE test car's suspension, combined with the engineering benefits from the new platform and longer wheelbase (with shorter overhangs) makes even this non-sports version a fun to drive supermini. It's optimum damping provided a smooth, quiet rider over some of the rougher roads on the Welsh test run. Yet at the same time its dynamic performance is impressive: the Ibiza's turn-in is quick and accurate, and it runs through the quicker bends with confidence-inspiring stability an an absence of body roll.

The new car has more edgy styling than the outgoing model

Of course there will be those who opt for the even more dynamic FR – which you'll have to do if you want the more top-powered 1.5TSI, 150PS engine, only available in this specification.

The Ibiza story goes back to 1984 and in its four generations so far it has been a mainstay of SEAT's sales. The new generation model is bigger inside, has a much-improved interior and more equipment than ever. Plus SEAT hasn't thrown the baby out with the bathwater – the company has always enjoyed something of a fun, sporty reputation and the new model certainly won't disappoint in that aspect, even though its engine range has reached new levels of efficiency.

If you're in the market for a good supermini that won't break the bank, it's worth booking a test drive.

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Kia Rio is now setting pulses racing

By James Parker

The new Kia Rio, launched just a few months ago, is now setting Pulses racing faster with the introduction of a special Limited Edition model.

The Rio Pulse enters the line-up between the mid-grade 2 and high-grade 3 versions and costs £14,595 on the road. The price includes either Clear White or Midnight Black paint as standard, this is an extra-charge on other models in the Rio range, but applied for no additional cost on Pulse.

Theme

The Rio Pulse is easily distinguished by a red roof and red front vents, mirror caps and side skirt trims.

A similar theme is extended to the interior, where there is black and red faux leather upholstery and red faux leather door inserts. The fascia trim is finished in red metallic paint.

There are 17-inch alloy wheels with 205/45 R17 tyres, a black radiator grille with chrome surround and privacy glass on the rear side windows and tailgate. Inside, the sporty leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter are complemented by stainless steel pedals.

In-car entertainment and connectivity is taken care of by a six-speaker audio system and a five-inch colour touchscreen linked to a DAB radio with RDS messaging. There is Bluetooth with music streaming, front and rear USB charging points, a reversing camera with dynamic guidelines, rear parking sensors and a 3.5-inch cluster display.

Rio has black privacy glass on rear side windows and tail

Kia's Rio now has a new special Limited Edition model

There are 17-inch alloy wheels with 205/45 R17 tyres and a black radiator grille

Active safety provisions include Electronic Stability Control, Vehicle Stability Management, Cornering Brake Control, Straight-Line Stability and Hill Start Assist.

The Rio Pulse is powered by the four-cylinder, 16-valve, 1.25-litre version of Kia's Gamma multi-point injection petrol engine, developing 83bhp at 6,000rpm and 121Nm of torque peaking at 4,000rpm. It features continuously variable valve timing (CVVT) to give a good combination of mid-range driveability and top-end performance, and drives through a five-speed manual gearbox.

ISG, Kia's engine stop/start system, is standard. This shuts down the engine when the gearbox is in neutral with the driver's foot off the clutch, and restarts it as soon as the clutch is pressed.

As a result no fuel is used and no emissions are created when the car is stationary in traffic.

The Rio Pulse is capable of up to 58.8mpg (combined), with CO2 emissions 109g/km. It accelerates from 0-60mph in 12.5 seconds and has a top speed of 107mph.

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Technology at fore in new Ford Fiesta

The all-new Ford Fiesta delivers the most sophisticated range of driver assistance technologies and connectivity features of any volume small car on sale in Europe, as part of the most comprehensive and versatile line-up of variants in more than 40 years of Fiesta.

Different versions of the new Fiesta available at launch include the stylish Titanium, the Ford Performance-inspired Fiesta ST-Line, the upscale Vignale, popular Zetec and value-for-money Style from £12,715.

The Fiesta Active crossover – the first in a new line-up of Active vehicles to be rolled out across the Ford range in years to come – and the all-new 200 PS Fiesta ST will also go on sale next year.

Three- and five-door Fiesta variants will deliver superior quality and refinement; feature a stylish new exterior and revolutionary interior design with more personalisation options than ever before. Ford has also further enhanced the Fiesta's widely acclaimed fun to drive character.

"It's because we share our customers' passion for Fiesta that we've been able to take this iconic small car's lovable, fun and sporty-to-drive character to the next level, with a greater choice of models than ever and each with a distinctive personality," said Steven Armstrong, Ford group vice president and president, Europe, Middle East & Africa. "We now have a Fiesta option for every driver, with advanced technologies and features that small-car customers could only have dreamed of just a few years ago."

Among an unprecedented range of Fiesta driver assistance features – supported by sensor technologies capable of monitoring up to 130 metres ahead – is an enhanced Pedestrian Detection system that for the first time can help prevent collisions at night; and the first Ford Active Park Assist system that can deliver brake interventions to prevent low-speed bumps when parking hands-free.

Fiesta is also the first Ford vehicle to feature a premium B&O PLAY Sound System, and for the first time offers an openable panoramic glass roof.

The Fiesta's sophisticated SYNC 3 communications and entertainment system is supported by floating high-definition touchscreens up to eight inches in size, and a spacious and ergonomic interior features almost 50 per cent fewer centre console buttons for a more intuitive environment.

Cutting-edge powertrains include Ford's multi-award winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine offering up to 140PS, and a 1.5-litre TDCi diesel offering 120PS – the first high-power diesel Fiesta powertrain. An all-new six-speed transmission with innovative friction reduction technologies helps deliver CO2 emissions from 82g/km, and fuel efficiency of up to 88.3mpg.

The most comprehensive Fiesta range ever meets growing consumer demand for greater choice and improved quality within the small car segment.

The all-new Fiesta will for the first time be offered as a luxurious Ford Fiesta Vignale model – part of the Ford Vignale upscale product and ownership experience. The Fiesta Vignale offers unique 18-inch alloy wheel designs, exclusive exterior detailing and colours, and hexagonal-quilted, tuxedo-stitched leather seats.

Ford last year introduced for the first time a new range of ST-Line models that deliver exterior and interior styling inspired by Ford Performance models alongside powerful Ford EcoBoost petrol and TDCi diesel engines.

There is a stylish new exterior and revolutionary interior design

The ST-Line range has been popular with customers who aspire to the sporty image of Ford's ST models, but do not require the full performance delivered by optimised ST engines and chassis with sports technologies.

The Fiesta ST-Line features sporty exterior styling including unique alloy wheel, grille, front and rear bumper and side-skirt designs. The interior features sports seats, alloy pedals and a flat-bottomed steering wheel, while the driving experience is enhanced with sports suspension.

The stylish Fiesta Titanium is indicative of the high specification and quality that will be delivered to Fiesta customers across Europe. Higher specification Ford models accounted for 59 per cent of passenger car sales in 2016, growing to 65 per cent in the first four months of 2017.

"Small cars accounted for more than 20 per cent of all the cars sold in Europe last year, and in the first quarter of this year sales in the segment were up almost 10 per cent year-over-year," said Roelant de Waard, Ford Marketing, sales and service vice president. "Ford now offers greater choice for customers in the small car segment, providing exceptional value with the new KA+, while delivering an all-new Fiesta family of highly engaging, personalised models."

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The Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid shines in the latest ADAC EcoTest comparison: the only one out of the five plug-in models tested to achieve five stars.

For both pollutants as well as for CO2 emissions (combined consumption of 1.0l/100km + 7.2 kWh/100km with 22 g/km CO2 or 3.4 l/100km with 79g/km CO2 with depleted battery) the Prius Plug-in surpassed competitors by a large margin.

Impressive also is the gap to the closest competitor: 2 environmental stars and 30 points (13 for pollutants and 17 for CO2), illustrate the difference.

The result of the Autoclub is clear: "From the environmental point of view, we can conclude that only the Toyota Prius Plug-in is a real Green Machine". The specially refined fourth generation hybrid is responsible for the fundamentally low electric power and fuel consumption: the 68 kW EV motors combined with a 1.8l petrol Atkinson-cycle engine bring the emissions to an extraordinarily low level. The results were 47 points out of 50 for the pollutants and the maximum number of points for CO2.

The Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid, but also the fuel cell Mirai (hydrogen combined consumption of 0.76 kg/100 km, combined electric consumption of 0 kWh/100 km and combined CO2 emissions of 0 g/km) along with the other hybrid models, that are now available in the eight model line-up in Europe, dominate the ADAC EcoTest top class results. The hybrid range already undercuts in Germany the 2021 CO2 targets of 95 g/km today – the Prius Plug-in and its siblings make it possible.

Five stars for the Toyota in environmental tests

Toyota hybrid models make an important contribution to Toyota's Environmental Challenge 2050, for which the Japanese automotive manufacturer has set ambitious sustainability targets for almost all business areas. A key element here: reduce vehicle CO2 emissions by 90 percent compared to 2010.

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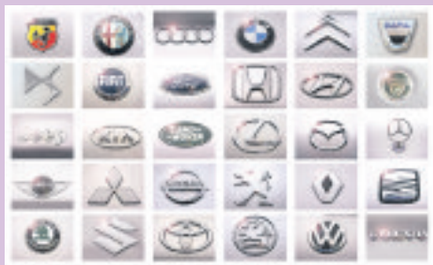

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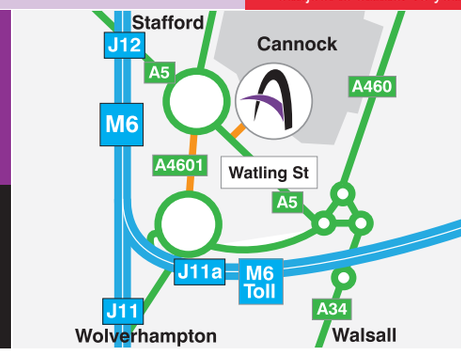

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The Chronicle Thursday, August 10, 2017

Breakthrough car from Peugeot

By Ian Donaldson

You just need to slip into the driver's seat of the latest Peugeot 3008 SUV – which has so far won 21 awards since launch at the start of this year – to experience a bit of a revolution in looks and quality from this French car maker.

First, you'll spot the tiny but sculptured and leather wrapped steering wheel, with flattened top and bottom for a near grand prix cockpit feel.

Then comes the style clincher, easily read over that little wheel's upper edge, in the shape of a high definition screen stretching more than 30 centimetres and ready to change its looks at your bidding.

Glance a little to your left and there sits, in a swanky alloy look frame, a dead ringer for an iPad, poised to tell you all about the heating controls or sound system or where you're going on the map, if the 3008 you've chosen has sat nav on board.

Peugeot calls this high tech fest an i-Cockpit and it comes as standard on every new 3008 SUV sold in the UK, starting at £21,795 – about £600 more than the outgoing model, but worth it.

The new 3008 SUV (and those three letters are important) makes its SUV credentials obvious with extra length, height and ground clearance over the old non-SUV 3008.

Big headlights and an imposing radiator grille add to the newcomer's tough street stance.

As well as an instrument panel you can personalise with different looks – favouring a huge scrolling map if you're navigating somewhere, or putting the digital speed stage centre, for instance – there are delicious design touches everywhere. Take a row of push-keys to summon functions like radio, heating or navigation on the central screen. They might not be made of metal but they feel good enough for a Bentley, let alone an Audi.

There's plenty of room in the boot

The front and rear wheels are further apart than previously, which ought to be good new for room in the rear.

Well, not so good in fact. There's plenty of headroom but a six-footer will ask for the seats ahead to be pushed a bit forward for a bit more knee room.

Better news in the boot, which has increased to 591 litres (1,670 with rear seats folded) and there is still room for a narrow emergency spare wheel.

As the range builds there will be a choice of 1.2 and 1.6 litre petrol and 1.6 and 2.0 litre diesels with auto transmissions an option on both fuels and likely to take a third of sales.

Big headlights and an imposing grille add to its stance

There are four trim levels – Active, Allure, GT Line and GT and all of them have a suite of safety systems that include active brake safety that will put the brakes on if it senses a collision and you don't react.

Out for a drive in with a 120hp diesel (likely best seller) doing the work, its quietness at any speed impressed and the little steering wheel felt instantly comfortable, dispelling a long held prejudice that the only shape was round...

There was enough punch to overtake a particularly meandering selection of drivers and journey's end showed 50.4mpg on the high clarity dash, so it's decently economical.

It may just be the game changer Peugeot so badly wants to build.

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BARTLEET

Kathleen

(Kate)

Passed away peacefully, July 21, 2017, at Hawksyard Nursing Home aged 100 years.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, August 14, at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Rugeley, at 12 noon, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium at 1pm.

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FEREDAY

Elizabeth Irene Matilda

Sadly passed away on Friday, July 28, 2017, aged 94 years.

Elizabeth was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at St James' Church, Norton Canes at 2.15pm, followed by a Committal Service at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.

Donation charity to be chosen.

All inquiries c/o

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MORGAN

Betty Cynthia

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, aged 87 years.

Beloved Mom of Paul and Elaine, Lynne and Mark, Clive and Patti. Devoted Nanna to Nicholas and Emma, Makayla and Rebecca. Sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Monday, August 14, at 11.30am, at St Luke's Church, Cannock, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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STANAWAY

Geoffrey

Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving Family on Friday, July 28, 2017, aged 73 years.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley at 11am followed by a Burial at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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Geoffrey

Passed away peacefully, aged 73 years on July 28, 2017 at home with his loving Family around him, after bravely battling a long illness.

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Heartbroken Wife Pat.

STANAWAY

Geoffrey

Our wonderful Father and Grandad.

You were our rock and our hero, we will miss you always.

God bless.

Mark, Jason, Joe and Partners and Grandchildren Lee, Laura, Jack and Jaya.

PHILLIPS

Robert Charles Stanley

(Bob)

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 27, 2017, aged 75 years.

Beloved Husband of Maureen, Dad to Craig and Jane and Grandad to Ben. Sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Friday, August 11 at 11am, at St Luke's Church, Cannock and followed by Committal at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel.

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RICHARDS

Gordon Leslie

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Will be greatly missed by Sons Gordon and Melvyn and Family and Friends.

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Inquiries to :

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THORNE

Sally Jayne

Sadly passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2017, aged 50 years.

Sally was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

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Alfred John

(Johnny)

Of Churchill, Hednesford.

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4 Pets & Animals

guns & dogs

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full time - general

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5 Business & Farming

business opportunities

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6 Property

accommodation to let

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public & legal notices

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Cannock Chase COUNCIL

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10 Personals

personal

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general

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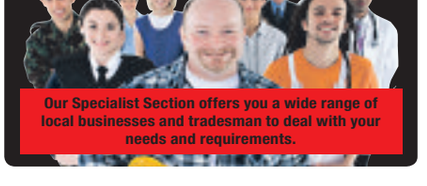

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Boxing bill down but not out after injuries

A SPATE of home corner withdrawals forced a professional boxing show in Dudley last week to be cancelled. The bill at The Venue, Dudley, has been rescheduled to September 29.

Organisers were forced to pull the plug with just three fights left on the card due to injuries to Tyler Denny and Daryl Pearce. Only Les Byfield, Kane Baker and Ekow Essuman were clear to box. Essuman had already replaced Raza Hamza.

Denny suffered a hand injury in training, putting paid to his six-round contest against Matthew Wigglesworth. The middleweight from Rowley Regis will concentrate on his next contest, a Midlands middleweight title fight against Tom Stokes on September 30.

Super feather Byfield is set to be a part of the next Venue show, as will Pearce, who will first focus on a battle with Conor Benn on September 1.

Tickets for last weekend can be exchanged for a full refund, or will be valid for the next show. For more information, go to the point of purchase.

On Edge of glory as Tom crosses ocean

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager is heading across the pond to fulfil his ambition of becoming a professional footballer. Tom Edge, aged 18, has secured a four-year scholarship at Campbellsville University, Kentucky.

The former AFC Telford United youngster, who was previously on Walsall's book as a teenager, will combine a degree in sports management with playing for the university's soccer team, Campbellsville Tigers.

His proud father, Andy, said: "Their first game is at the end of August. He is going to be doing a degree in sports management. It's a full-scholarship, so a four-year degree. He'll be getting a good education, while playing football for a side that has the facilities of a proper club."

Tom, who moved to Telford from Perton, recently completed his sixth form studies at Codsall Community High School. There he combined his studies with playing regular football for the school's team and as part of the two-year course, he went out to America to play in a tournament. As well as playing for Codsall, he started off last season with AFC Telford's first team.

Aces on track for a night of fundraising

WEDNESFIELD Aces are on track for a fundraising night next month. The cycle speedway side is making the final preparations for the event in memory of Steph Clarke on September 15.

Mrs Clarke died in November 2016 at the same time as Wednesfield was enjoying its new Christmas lights – she had been the driving force behind its fundraising. She had been involved in several community projects including the Aces, Hands on Wednesfield and volunteered at the Ashmore Community Centre as well as running photography classes and working full-time as a social media trainer. Steph and her husband James founded the community website wv11.co.uk

Sixteen riders will compete in five heats each in a handicap formula under the floodlights at the club's Ashmore Park home. Each participant is expected to raise £50 and there will be a collection bucket and a raffle on the evening in aid of Compton Hospice. All riders will take home an award and the overall winner will take home the Steph Clarke Challenge Shield.

Flowers helping Brocton to blossom for the future

Ron Flowers unveils the new facilities with the Mayor and Mayoress of Stafford and club officials

Looking at a tribute to founder Charlie Holt are committee members Graham Williams and Terry Homer

WOLVES legend Ron Flowers officially unveiled new facilities at a club where his grandson – now with Premier League Burnley – cut his teeth.

England World cup winner Flowers, the oldest member of the 1966 squad, and who made 467 games for the Molineux club, opened the £150,000 hospitality suite at Brocton FC's Silkmore Lane.

From a thistle-strewn wasteland to an award-winning football ground, it is fair to say the Badgers' home has changed a bit over the past 10 years.

The hospitality suite marks the latest stage in its development.

The facility was funded by grants from the Premier League's Football Stadia Improvement and Sport England and is the perfect present for a club which will next month mark its 80th birthday.

The Badgers might have been relegated to the sixth tier of non-league football last season but there has been much to celebrate, not least in the departure to Burnley of two of their players, Aidan Stone and Ron's grandson Harry.

And with a fully licensed bar, the new facility also means pre and post-match routines will never be the same again.

Custom

"This gives people the chance to turn up a bit earlier for games and stay a bit later afterwards," explained chairman Brian Townsend.

"Before now we have had to go to the pub after games. That was fine but we always wanted to have our own facility.

"Of course, I'm guessing the pub might be a bit upset to lose our custom but I think they understand!

"We are also trying to attract community groups to use the suite during the week. First and foremost we are a community amateur sports club. That is the way it has always been."

Townsend and the rest of Brocton's hard-working and passionate committee of volunteers can look on with pride at the transformation brought to a site which was covered in knee-high thistles and graffiti when the club acquired a 30-year lease in 2006. For the few years prior to that, the Badgers had lived a somewhat nomadic existence.

Formed in 1937, the club was for years based in the village of Brocton before the success of the team necessitated a change of venue in order to comply with the ground regulations for higher leagues.

The first switch was to Rowley Park Stadium in Stafford and then to Cannock Stadium, before a brief spell at Heath Hayes' Newlands Lane ground.

Finally, after discussions with Staffordshire Council and Police Authority, a lease was acquired for the former Police Grounds on Silkmore Lane – though the hard work was just beginning.

The site, which sits some two miles south of Stafford town centre, had been allowed to go fallow after the police moved out in the late 1990s.

A £58,750 grant from the Big Lottery Fund got the ball rolling and allowed the club to build changing rooms. Football returned to the site for the 2008-09 season, when Brocton's first team were playing in the Midland Combination League.

"We have always tried to attract players with the facilities we have," said Townsend.

"They are now obviously much better than before. That is the most we can offer. We can't pay players. It is for them to aim at a higher level.

"The pitch is important. Our groundsman Terry Homer has been rated the best nationally since 2011 at steps five and six of the non-league pyramid.

"We do invest a lot of money into the ground and the pitch itself. We have cutting machines. We don't have a lot to offer players other than a good pitch to play on. Now we have a lot more to offer them as well."

Townsend's own association with the club stretches back more than 50 years to when he was a player.

He is not the only one who has stuck around. President Graham Williams and groundsman Homer, who is also club secretary, have also racked up more than 50 years with the club.

Former chairman Lionel Morris, who first played for the club in the 1940s, is still a regular attendee, while Barbara and Brian Chandler work tirelessly to ensure kits are washed and programmes are printed.

"There does seem to be something about this place which keeps people around," said Townsend.

"The club's founder Charlie Holt was very adept at getting people involved and that seems to have been continued."

Brocton began their season on Saturday with an FA Cup extra preliminary round tie at Cadbury Athletic, which they won 3-0.

Sam Norton has taken charge of first-team affairs and is targeting a top six finish following relegation from the Midland Premier Division last term.

Catastrophe

The fall to Division One was a disappointment yet far from a catastrophe for the Badgers, who were able to claim a significant coup when the Clarets came calling for keeper Stone and defender Flowers. They were both back at Silkmore Lane as Burnley took their under-23s squad for a friendly, winning the game 3-1 in front of a 200-strong crowd.

"Things like that are almost unprecedented," said Townsend. "I can't think of many who have made the jump from our level to the Premier League.

"Of course we are ambitious and want to get to the next level but only if we can sustain it.

"We want to be stable financially and sustainable with playing strength. We need to keep growing our own players. That really is our aim. We want one of the best grounds at the level we play and to give young people the best opportunity to advance in football.

"Harry and Aidan are examples of that. We are on that track."

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By Matt Maher

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Replay result to determine FA Cup date

CHASETOWN will take on Worcester City in the next round of the FA Cup, but the date of the game is still to be decided.

Worcester overcame Daventry 1-0 on Saturday, but groundshare with Bromsgrove Sporting, who drew 2-2 with Rocester.

If Bromsgrove progress, they are scheduled to be at home in the FA Cup on the same weekend – August 18-10 – as Worcester City.

Arrangements will be confirmed once the result of the Bromsgrove-Rocester replay is known.

Scholars went down 4-1 at Soham in a friendly last Saturday, with Chris Baker on target, and kick off their league campaign at home to Lincoln United this weekend.

Today (Thursday) fans can put their questions to boss Scott Dundas in a Meet the Manager night.

Supporters are being encouraged to attend in numbers and arrive at 8pm for an 8.15pm start. The clubhouse bar will be open as usual.

On Sunday, a team of Wolves All Stars line up as the Scholars ground plays host to a charity match in aid of New Cross Hospital's coronary after care support group.

A team from the hospital's cardiothoracic theatre provide the opposition.

The game kicks off at 2pm with gates open at 11am for a number of family activities. Entry is £5, free for under-10s, and there will be raffle and refreshments served.

Season will start with seven-fight Edge of Glory card

BOXERS are on the Edge of Glory as the new season gets under way at the Banks's Stadium on September 1.

'Edge of Glory', promoted by BCB Promotions, is a seven-fight card featuring a number of up and coming fighters, including Chasetown lightweight Luke Jones.

Headliners are Wednesbury welterweight Sam Evans and Irishman Chris Blaney, both trained by Ricky Hatton.

Newark super middleweight Chad Sugden is back in action, along with Old Hill super featherweight Manny 'Pac Man' Zaber.

West Bromwich light heavyweight Josh Stokes will be looking to build on a solid debut boxing season this time around. Stokes has fought three times already this year.

Derby lightweight Sahib Singh Mann completes the card.

Standard tickets for 'Edge of Glory', priced at £35, are available, as well as £60 VIP tickets for tables of 10 with food.

For further information or to book, call the Walsall FC box office on 01922 651414 or 01922 651416.

Duo have championship off to a tee

Qualifiers – Steve Littlewood and Alan Grave

A CHASE Golf Club pairing have qualified for the national final of the American Golf 9 Hole Championship.

Alan Grave and Steve Littlewood will battle it out at Ryder Cup venue The Belfry on September 7 and 8. It follows an impressive display at the regional qualifying stage at their home club at Pottal Pool.

Grave and Littlewood secured qualification with victory across the back nine section, scoring 26 points. The pair will now join qualifiers from all over the UK and Ireland in front of Sky Sports' cameras at the Belfry grand final across two days to be crowned American Golf 9 Hole Champions. This win also puts them in contention for the Tournament of Champions in Mauritius.

"Our nine-hole championship is hugely popular," said Daniel Gathercole, director of marketing and communication at American Golf.

"It gives golfers the chance to play championship golf after work and still be home at a reasonable time."

PITMEN FALL TO A LATE WINNER

Merthyr Tydfil 3 Hednesford Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town saw their last away pre-season fixture end in defeat in an entertaining game in South Wales.

The Pitmen were without six players who had been involved previously on a regular basis during pre-season, but despite this they started well.

However, it was the home side that struck first when, in the fourth minute, Jaye Bowen rifled home a low effort after the ball had been given away. Hednesford responded well and first James Lawrie chipped a shot over before Tom Thorley saw a shot blocked with Ryan Wynter firing the rebound wide.

Thorley saw a good chance come and go in the 29th minute but the Pitmen didn't have to wait long for the equaliser as it arrived two minutes later when Matt Dodd got to the byline and his cross was turned into the net by a combination of Lawrie and a Merthyr defender.

Strong

Five minutes later Wynter went close again before Danny Glover fired over for the Pitmen.

Hednesford started the second half in strong fashion and had a goal ruled out in the 54th minute when Wynter was adjudged to have handled the ball into the net. Neil Tooth's side went ahead in the 67th minute when Dodd was taken down in the penalty area and Glover confidently stepped up to convert from 12 yards.

In the 76th minute the home side equalised when, after breaking through, the ball was played past Liam Haynes to Kerry Morgan, who was able to tap home into an empty net.

With eight minutes to go Merthyr regained the lead. After playing some good football, the ball was eventually played across the penalty area to an unmarked Jordan Islip, who fired home.

Hednesford's attentions now turn to the start of season on Saturday when they entertain Ashton United (3pm kick-off).

Danny Glover scores from the penalty spot for the Pitmen

Frantic second half produces a perfect 10

Heath Hayes 5 Lichfield 5

THIS was grassroots football at its best, with teams turning round at half-time with the score at 1-1. No-one could see the glut of goals to come in the second half.

Lichfield took nine minutes to lead, but Mitch Teece pulled Heath Hayes level on 33.

Four minutes into the second half Regan Smith put Hayes ahead and Jack Weldon then increased Hayes' lead to 3-1 on 51 minutes. Within a minute Lichfield cut the deficit to 3-2 and three minutes later drew level.

On 63 minutes, Hayes went 4-3 up, again through Smith. Lichfield thought they had the game won when they made it 5-4 with two quick goals, but Luke Holmes made it 5-5 with two minutes left, which made it a fair result and a great advert for MFL League Football.

Last Tuesday, Hayes lost 4-1 to Romulus.

Hayes begin the new season with a trip to Derbyshire to take on Ilkeston Town on Saturday. Alvis are the visitors to the Coppice ground the following week.

Bowlers do the damage on wet day

Rugeley 1st XI vs Cannock 1st XI

STAND-IN captain Adam Benton won the toss and elected to field on a wet day at Rugeley.

Cannock's bowlers were on top from the very beginning with Ed Martin taking 3-24, helping to dismiss the hosts for 101. Benton led the way in the run chase to finish with 57 not out and was ably supported by Zak Shingler (26) as Cannock won by four wickets.

Cannock 2nd XI vs Highcroft & Great Barr 1st XI

Cannock were asked to bat first and were given a good start after a quickfire 22 from Ryan Peach. Fifteen-year-old Cameron Osborne top scored with 33 in a total of 132 all out. Due to a rain interruption, the visitors needed to score only 65 from 20 overs to secure victory, which they managed to do very comfortably, losing only one wicket in the process.

Cannock 3rd XI vs C&R Hawks 3rd XI

Captain Ant Wood won the toss and elected to field first at Chase Park. Wood and Tom Hinks shared nine wickets between them with the captain taking 3-12 and Hinks 6-31, the visitors being bowled out for 47. Martin Davies scored 16 not out as Cannock comfortably won by nine wickets within 14 overs.

Rugeley 3rd XI vs Cannock 4th XI

Cannock won the toss and elected to field at Rugeley. The hosts posted a competitive total of 137.

Some tight bowling from Rugeley eventually dismissed the visitors for 92, giving the hosts a 45-run victory.

Whittington reach new target in rain

WHITTINGTON edged out Hammerwich with seven balls to spare in a rain-affected Staffs Clubs League match. Hammerwich racked up 180-8 and Whittington's target was recalculated to 115 from 21 overs. They got to 19.5 with seven wickets to spare.

There was frustration in the Birmingham League as C&R Hawks and Penkridge saw their games abandoned, against Sutton Coldfield and Coventry & North Warwickshire respectively.

Lichfield remain top of Division Three, thanks to a losing draw to Stourbridge. Milford Hall were the biggest movers defeating Sentinel to climb into second.

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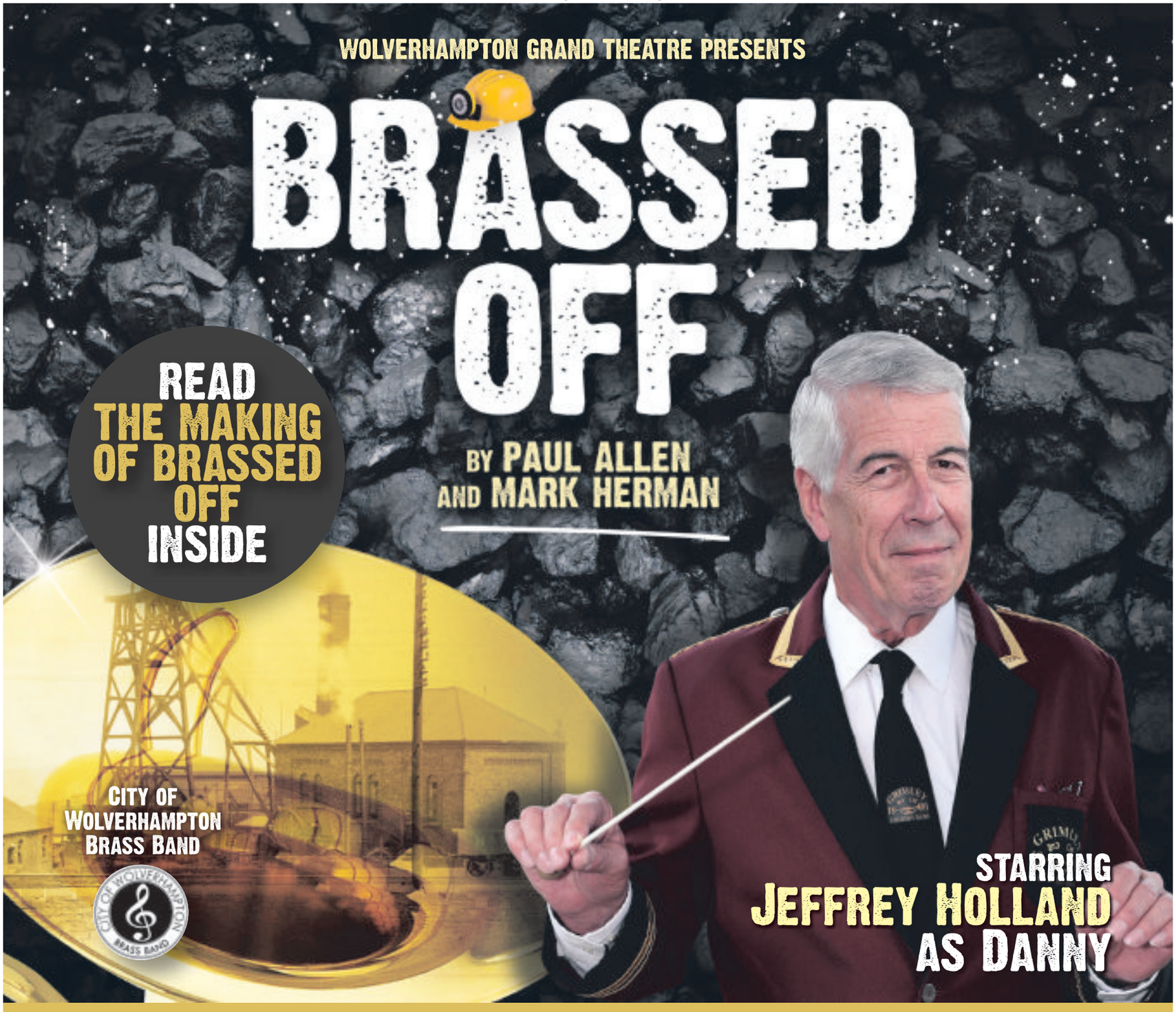

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Wolverhampton Grand Theatre is producing its first show in almost 40 years. Well known for hosting some of the biggest shows in theatre, The Grand is now making one of its own, bringing BRASSED OFF to the stage for 13 performances from Wednesday 23 August – Saturday 2 September.

Almost a year in the making and featuring a cast of over 60 actors and musicians, this ambitious project marks the beginning of a new creative era for the Grand. With opening night just a few weeks away, read the inside story from the voices that are making it happen.

THE PLAY

Based on a true story and adapted from the 1996 film starring Ewan McGregor, **BRASSED OFF** is a funny and life-affirming tale of community spirit and triumph in the face of adversity.

It's 1992, and Danny's lifelong ambition to lead the Grimley Colliery Band to the National Brass Band Competition at the Royal Albert Hall looks like it might finally happen. But as Grimley Pit faces closure, the future looks bleak as the town is thrown into conflict.

Flugelhorn player Gloria arrives in town bringing with her a renewed sense of hope and a touch of romance, but no-one knows who she's really playing for ...

CHIEF EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
ADRIAN JACKSON

Following last summer's £1.2 million refurbishment, Adrian is turning his attention to producing and building a new and exciting future for the Grand on stage.

"I think it's really important for the Grand to produce. We've been bringing the best shows to the Midlands for many years – that's great but to actually create our own work for the people of Wolverhampton and beyond is terrific."

Adrian was keen to involve the local community in this production, casting local actors and musicians to play alongside household names including Jeffrey Holland, giving the production a real home grown feel.

PRODUCER & PROGRAMME MANAGER
TIM COLEGATE

From the day plans for **BRASSED OFF** were announced Tim has been hard at work keeping the project on track, from organising auditions to scheduling rehearsals, it's not been your average nine to five job, "There have been lots of aspects for me to look after and that's kept things interesting! It's great to see it all coming together now, nine months of emails and paperwork are all becoming real things. It's an extremely exciting time."

THE SCRIPT

WRITTEN BY PAUL ALLEN, ADAPTED FROM THE SCREENPLAY BY MARK HERMAN

Paul Allen partnered with the film's screenplay writer Mark Herman to adapt **BRASSED OFF** for the stage at the end of the 1990s. Ever since then he's seen the show go from success to success and is delighted that the Grand have chosen the play for their return to producing, he thinks audiences here are going to experience something very special, "The show has been successful and toured almost from the beginning... but in the more industrial regions where there have been strong mining links, such as the West Midlands where we find ourselves now, you get a very passionate response from the audience and lovely reactions."

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Ash Matthews (centre) who plays BRASSED OFF's narrator Shane, alongside members of the Community Ensemble

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GARETH TUDOR PRICE

Enjoying a highly successful career directing at venues throughout the country, Gareth is tasked with bringing **BRASSED OFF's** script to life on stage, his passion for the play is evident, "I think what will make the production for me is the raw emotion of the story, the families and individual stories plus the power of a full brass band playing some fantastic music live on stage."

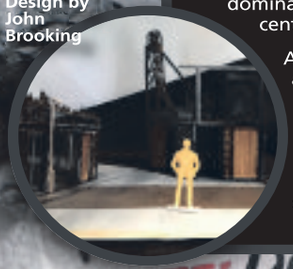
He's confident that his cast are ready to rise to the challenge, "What I love about theatre is that every live performance is different ... there's scope for a different reaction every night, and in Brassed Off, which is a highly emotional piece we should achieve that ... we've got a terrific cast to bring it to life."

SET & COSTUMES

JOHN BROOKING

With the director bringing the action to life, designer John is taking on the challenge of transforming the Grand's 123 year old stage into an authentic mining town. "My design needs to give the director a versatile space he could use for different locations but mainly to establish the terraces of a northern mining town. The dominant feature of the set is the colliery, the huge wheel is at the centre of the design."

Brassed Off Set Model – Design by John Brooking



As well as designing a set capable of housing a cast of over 60 actors and musicians , John is also responsible for finding costumes for each of them. Staying true to the era of the play, he has been on the hunt for authentic clothing from the 1990s, "You have to find costumes from the period which can now be collectible. You find as a designer you have to be a bit of a squirrel and collect things up! The problem you then have is having the perfect pair of size 5 shoes and then finding your actor is a size 4!"

TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

ANTHONY ASTON

Many of **BRASSED OFF**'s key technical roles are being filled by Grand Theatre staff, including Lighting Designer Anthony Aston, "As a receiving theatre we usually make other people's lighting work but now we're getting to work on our own ideas. It's a great challenge."

Adrian Jackson recognises the excitement these opportunities have generated among his colleagues, "It gives people here the chance to fully utilise their skills and there has been a definite excitement throughout the whole organisation at the thought of producing what will be a landmark production in the history of the Grand Theatre."

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON BRASS BAND

Featuring some of Britain's finest brass band music, including *Death Or Glory, Jerusalem, William Tell Overture, Land of Hope and Glory* and *Danny Boy*, the Grand wanted to find a local band to step into the shoes of the cash strapped Grimley Colliery Band and perform the play's score live on stage. When they met with the City of Wolverhampton Brass Band everything seemed to fit perfectly.

Founded in 1972 and initially based at Wolverhampton Grammar school the only instruments the band had in their early days were those that belonged to its own members. So, they're no strangers to the hardships faced by the band they have been cast to play.

Now enjoying playing with the band in much happier times, veteran band member Rachael Dickens tells of the band's excitement at being involved in the play.

"As a band we're delighted to be performing on stage at the Grand, this is something we have never done before so it's a great experience that everyone is looking forward to. We're used to performing in front of audiences but never as part of a cast for a play so this is something new and exciting for us."

Members of the City of Wolverhampton Brass Band

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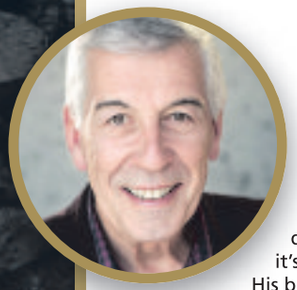
THE MAKING OF

BRASSED OFF

THE ACTORS

To complement its professional creative and acting team, BRASSED OFF will feature actors from the local community, including 4 cast in principal roles and an ensemble of over 20.

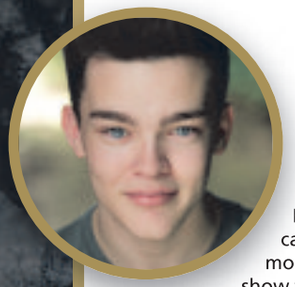
Jeffrey Holland, Ash Matthews and Miriam Grace Edwards play three of BRASSED OFF's central characters.



THE STAR
JEFFREY HOLLAND

Jeffrey Holland is a long-time favourite of Grand Theatre audiences and plays curmudgeonly band leader Danny. Known for his comedy roles, Danny is a departure for Jeffrey, "It's nice for me to play Danny ... it's a very serious part and he's a very serious character. His brass band is his life. I like to play a straight role when I get the opportunity. I'm known for my smile but I can't smile as Danny because he's a bit po-faced. I'll save the smile for the curtain call."

Keeping a straight face isn't the only challenge that Jeffrey will face in the role, how does he feel about conducting a live band? "I'm very excited ... to be conducting a brass band because I've never done that before. You always stand and conduct records at home and you think you can do it, but it's different when it's the real thing. I've got that pressure to look forward to!"



THE NEWCOMER
ASH MATTHEWS

BRASSED OFF is giving a big break to young actor Ash Matthews, fresh from drama school he's taking on the role of Shane, the play's narrator, and Danny's grandson.

"Shane is such an interesting character and with Brassed Off there's so many different emotions you can explore - it's actually very funny but there are also moments of extreme sadness. People say it's such a special show to be part of anyway but this production will be moreso, with the community aspect and with how much this will mean to the Theatre and local people."

LEADING ACTRESS
MIRIAM GRACE EDWARDS

Birmingham based professional actress Miriam plays Sandra, Shane's mom and Danny's daughter-in-law and a housewife on the brink of despair, struggling to keep her family together as her husband faces redundancy. Although telling the story of pit closures over twenty years ago she thinks **BRASSED OFF**'s themes are still relevant to today's audiences, "Oh absolutely, it was a huge thing that happened and really did change the shape of our country ... this was such an important thing to so many people, it was their livelihood and their work and I think it's something that we still see now, with the steel industry or ... factories closing down."

COMMUNITY ENSEMBLE ACTOR
JAMES CHAPLAIN

When 19 year old James heard the Grand were looking for local actors to join the cast of **BRASSED OFF** he didn't have far to walk to the audition, having worked as a Front of House Assistant there for the last two years. Having realised a love for acting while at school he knew it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up, "I spend a lot of time at the Theatre and this was a massive opportunity to make an appearance on the stage having spent so much time on the other side of it."

After a successful audition, James was selected for one of the community ensemble roles alongside two other Grand Theatre colleagues, Rachel Martin and Joy Davis. So, are there any nerves now the production is only weeks away?

"A few, but I'm really looking forward to it. It's going to be a great insight into the life of a professional actor and I feel very privileged that I'm getting to work alongside well-respected actors, it's a huge honour."

Grand Theatre staff Rachel Martin, James Chaplain and Joy Davis

Actors from the community Tim Jones (left) and Greg Yates (right) who play miners Harry and Jim

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